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Sir Gilbert Parker An Old Stirling Boy

Famous Novelist Clerk in Drug Store
Here Many Years Ago—Later Teacher
and World Famed Writer

Sir Gilbert Parker was severely injured on Wednesday of last week when he was struck by a motor car on one of the business streets of Aiken, South Carolina, where he had gone to recover his health.

Many of our readers may not know that Sir Gilbert was a clerk in Dr. Parker's drug store (now Morton's) over 40 years ago. Mr. John H. Thompson, founder of the News-Argus, who was here a week or two ago, stated that he met him when he (Sir Gilbert) was a school teacher over in Sidney, first near Stirling, then down near the front, west of Belleville. At that time, the future world-famed writer of fiction "evinced a great interest in books and the illustration of books." Later he became a professor of English and of elocution and gave courses of lectures at Queen's and other colleges. Dr. Dyde who conducted studies in St. Andrew's last Sunday studied elocution under Sir Gilbert, at Queen's University. For a while, the great novelist lived in the wilds of Northern Canada so that he might become steeped in the subjects he felt impelled to write about. He has been a resident of London, England for many years, was a member of the British Parliament and has written many notable works of fiction, among the earliest of which was "The Translation of a Savage," written before he went to reside in England. His old friends and acquaintances in the Stirling district will hope that he may be speedily restored to health and strength.

Supper and Bazaar Was Decided Success

The chicken supper and bazaar held in the Opera House under the auspices of the Anglican Church last Thursday evening was a pronounced success. Some 300 people were on hand to enjoy a splendid supper, following which the centre of the floor was cleared and a number of the young people spent a few hours in dancing. The booths were patronized liberally and did a flourishing business. Mrs. B. Belshaw and Mrs. G. Bailey were in charge of the fancy work; Mrs. Halliwell managed the "Made-in-Canada" booth and Mrs. H. H. Alger and Mrs. W. Bailey the candy booth. The proceeds amounted to approximately \$400.00.

ST. ANDREW'S GUILD

St. Andrew's Guild met on Monday night with a good attendance.

Geo. Tulloch made an efficient leader giving the Scripture Reading based on "Forgiveness." Margaret Wright led in prayer and a duet by Mrs. Nolan and Stella Marshall was very much appreciated. The topic, "If God is good, why is there sin and suffering?" was read by Edna Spry, showing us that suffering is disciplining, may be remedial and redemptive, hence our Patriots die for their country.

After the benediction an interesting contest brought the meeting to a close.

Back to Nature

The Atlantic City styles are killin'—On the beach the one-piece is the thing, the smaller the piece the "spiffier," an' on the Board Walk 'bout all they wear is a coat of tan and a lot of 'em got the druggist busy helping 'em to get rid of that.—Verifryer.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE US
YOUR ORDER FOR CHRISTMAS
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The easiest road to success is the savings habit



**UNION BANK
OF CANADA**

Stirling Branch—W. S. Martin, Manager
Branch also at Spring Brook

School Mates Give Pen to Edna Thrasher

November, 27th, 1924

DEAR EDNA,—
We, the members of Allan School wish to take this opportunity to tell you how we will miss you when you leave us for your new home in Stirling.

You were a member of our Mission Band and Junior Red Cross Society and in both you always took an active part. Then as a member of our school and pupil in the second class you were always prominent everyday. We will miss you both in our work and play and we wish you to accept this gift, a fountain pen, as a slight token of our esteem for you. We also hope that in your new home and among new friends you will take your place as you have done here; and in your heart you will always keep a warm spot to remember us the members of the Allan School.

Signed on behalf of the school.

MARJORIE HAGERMAN

Local Poultryman Captures Many Prizes

Mr. Harold Vanallen made a very creditable showing at the recent Royal Fat Stock show in Toronto. He exhibited Rouen, Aylesbury, Indian Runner and Cayuga ducks and African geese, twenty birds in all and carried off four second, three third, two fourth and four fifth prizes. Competition was very keen, exhibits coming from all parts of Canada and some of the northern United States. Mr. Vanallen has 22 birds at the Ottawa Fat Stock show this week.

Allan's School Gives Play at Wellmans

The Allan School community repeated the play "The God of the Pill Bottle" at Wellmans on Tuesday evening, an account of which was given in our last issue. The parts were taken in a creditable manner. Although some changes in the caste were necessary the program throughout was thoroughly enjoyed.

In addition to the play, the school sang their chorus and the rose drill was given with fine effect by seven little girls. Miss Patricia Turner, Mrs. Percy MacMullen and Mrs. Thos. McKewen gave readings. Olive McConnell and Edna Sharp sang two duets and Mrs. Elgin Chard sang a solo. Music between acts was provided by Mr. Sine and Miss Maybee of Wellmans.

The proceeds amounted to \$23.00. Allan School deserves much credit for the energy and skill shown in developing young talent and in giving both pleasure and profit to their own community and to Wellmans as well.

METHODIST EPWORTH LEAGUE

The meeting of the Epworth League on Monday evening was under the direction of the first vice-president, Miss Myrtle Reid. The League decided to pack a box with papers and Christmas cheer and to ship same for distribution to Mr. Arnold McCutcheon an old League member who is now teaching in the north country.

Beecher Barrett gave a recitation and Grace and Geneva Wright sang a duet. The topic was taken by Miss Alice Heasman and Miss Freda Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindenfield were presented with a beautiful floor lamp. Short speeches were made by members of the organizations in which Mrs. Lindenfield had served. Mr. and Mrs. Lindenfield both made suitable replies.

The colour count showed an attendance of 100.

Trent Valley Hockey League Re-Organized

Meeting at Marmora Last Friday Elects
Officers and Draws up Schedule—
Stirling Drops Out and Hastings Joins

Stirling will not have a hockey team in the Trent Valley League this year. A formal withdrawal was made at a reorganization meeting held in the Royal Hotel, Marmora on Friday, November 28th. Delegates were present from Tweed, Hastings, Havelock, Marmora and Stirling. Messrs. W. Whitty and E. Luery represented Stirling. On motion by Barney Quinn, seconded by A. T. Neal it was decided that Norwood Hockey Club or any other organization from Norwood should be barred from the League until a default cheque for \$25.00 be paid to Stirling.

The application from Hastings for admission was referred to the proper committee and after due consideration, it was decided on motion by Messrs. Hutchison and Hike that Hastings be admitted.

It was also decided on motion by Messrs. A. T. Neal and Doughty that the League should affiliate with the O. H. A. and that the necessary application and fees be forwarded at once.

In future all protest checks must be marked.

The following officers were duly elected:

Hon. Presidents—T. H. Thompson, Madoc; Hon. R. J. Cooke, Harold; T. M. Beatty, Tweed.

Pres.—H. F. McNichol, Havelock. 1st Vice—A. T. Neal, Marmora. 2nd Vice—W. Wellman, Hastings. Sec.—Treas.—T. M. Beatty, Tweed. Executive Committee: W. Rose, Havelock; Tom Beatty, Tweed; Irvin Doonan, Hastings; A. T. Neal, Marmora.

SCHEDULE FOR SEASON

Hastings visits	Marmora	Jan. 5th
Havelock	"	Tweed
Marmora	"	Havelock
Tweed	"	Hastings
Hastings	"	Marmora
Havelock	"	Hastings
Hastings	"	Havelock
Marmora	"	Tweed
Marmora	"	Hastings
Tweed	"	Havelock
Hastings	"	Tweed
Havelock	"	Marmora

Constabulary Will Be Re-Organized

County Council to Appoint a Commission for that Purpose

Trifling incidents often lead to important events. When County Constable Gordanier of Marmora asked the County Council, now in session at Belleville, for a revolver and handcuffs, he raised the whole matter of the re-organization and equipment of the old constabulary. It is likely that before the week is out a commission will be appointed to undertake the task. There are some forty or fifty names on the constabulary, but many of them are of men who are dead, who have moved away, or are too old to be of service. Obviously the matter deserves attention.

Warden Rollins presented an account of the session of the provincial Advisory Committee on highways. He referred especially to regulations re lights on vehicles and recommended that if lights were required on all vehicles it should be tried first in an area where motor traffic was much in excess of horse drawn.

The Warden also spoke hopefully of the future "I believe that prosperity has returned to us," he said.

P. S. Report Room III For November 1924

JR. III.—Margaret Walt 86, Thelma Green 85, Geneva Wright 80, Bobbie Wright 80, Grace Wright 75, Georgia Green 70, Leslie Preston 69, Albert Thompson 39.

SR. II.—Marion Bedford 84, Donald Ward 77, Willie Thompson 70, Vivian Wannamaker 70, Frances Cook 70, Charles Faires 75, Harry Vandervoort 75, Freddie Joblin 73, Colin Fox 72, Willie Preston 72, Willie Bowen 69, Arthur Gould 64, Donald Scott 63, Doris Tanner 61, Robert Letts 60, Mary Griffin 59, Mildred White 52, FLORENCE MARSHALL, (Teacher)

MARRIED

PRESTON—DODWELL.—At St. John's Church, Sunday evening, Nov. 30th, by the Rev. Rural Dean Byers M.A., William Preston to Lillian Nellie Dodwell, both of Rawdon Township.

Regular Meeting of Stirling Council

Many Accounts Passed and By-law for
Nomination and Election of New
Council and School Board Formally
Passed

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Council was held in the Library building on Monday evening. All the members were present. The following accounts were examined and passed for payment:

Dr. Potts, Board of Health	\$58.85
R. L. Christie, wood	12.50
News-Argus	10.20
John Tanner, court attendance	24.00
Municipal World	1.08
G. H. Luery, clerk revising officers	15.00
E. MacMullen, Electric Dept.	5.25
T. G. Clute, quarterly salary, Elec. Dept.	18.75
T. G. Clute, attending court	24.00
" quarterly salary, cemetery	18.75
" " general	12.20
" postage and stationery	28.00
McGee and Lagrow, electric	1.75
" " town hall	33.19
Archie McGee, elec. main	2.00
Can. Gen. Electric	17.64
" " "	29.83
" " "	20.49
Elec. Dept., Stirling	5.45
Fire Hall	1.06
Street lighting	80.67

The necessary by-law providing for the nomination and election of next year's council and Board of Education was presented and formally passed. Nominations will be received on Monday, December 29th at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall and if an election is necessary, polls will be opened on Monday, January 6th, 1925.

A letter from County Clerk Nugent was read in which the council was asked to approve of the organization of a County Municipal Association. After some discussion the Council voiced its approval unanimously.

Council will meet again on Monday, December 15th to wind up the year's business.

Provincial Police to Reside in Stirling

Reeve C. B. McGuire states that a representation of the Provincial Police will soon be stationed in Stirling. Negotiations which have been under way for some time, are practically completed and Stirling and district will have the benefit of this added police protection. It is felt that Stirling is a logical centre for such an establishment owing to its being the geographical centre of a large and important area.

N. HASTINGS CONSERVATIVES

Representatives of the Conservative party met in Marmora last Friday to organize for the new riding of North Hastings. Under the Redistribution bill passed at the last session of the House of Commons, the boundaries of the Hastings riding have been changed materially. The riding of North Hastings includes Hastings to the north of the townships of Sidney and Thurlow and a portion of the county of Peterboro. It thus divides the village of Stirling and takes in portions of East and West Hastings. New party organization is therefore, essential. Delegates were present from all parts of the new riding and many matters were discussed informally. A committee composed of Messrs. R. Elliott of Delora, G. West of Madoc and Squires of Norwood was appointed to make a preliminary survey and to call a meeting at a later date when complete organization will be carried out.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

To Brothers Charles and Walter Jeffrey.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—
We, the officers and members of L.O.L. No. 509 take this opportunity of expressing our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the loss of a loving mother. We hope that God's ever strengthening arm will so guide you that when you too will be called from Time to Eternity you may hear our Great Grand Master say, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Now farewell mother, fare thee well
Thy days on earth are o'er
And thou art with that angel band
On Canada's happy shore.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge.

MURRAY ROY, W.M.
WM. J. JOHNSTON, Chap.
PERCY SINE, Rec. Sec.

Dr. Meiklejohn Rises in Insurance World

Old residents of Stirling who remember Dr. Meiklejohn will be both interested in and pleased to see the following news item from the Winnipeg Free Press of November 22nd.

Changes necessitated by the death of R. R. Scott, president of the Sovereign Life Assurance company, were effected at a meeting held in the head office, Boyd block, Wednesday afternoon. William Grayson, K.C., who has been vice-president of the company for years, was elected to the presidency. Mr. Grayson is dean of the Saskatchewan Bar and a bencher of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. He also is a director of the Saskatchewan Loan and investment company, director of the Gray-Campbell company and a director of the Executors' and Administrators' Trust Company.

Dr. H. J. Meiklejohn, who has been managing director for an extended period, will in future be first vice-president of the company, in addition to carrying on in the executive position of managing director.

M. D. Grant, F.I.A., who has been secretary and actuary, will carry on the duties of these offices, and will be assistant manager.

NEW POLICE INSPECTOR

Wm. Bain, until two weeks ago chief of Police at Trenton is now Inspector of Provincial police for Eastern Ontario. Inspector Bain has had long experience on police forces in Ottawa, Sudbury and for the last few years in Trenton. He was a most capable chief and the promotion he has received is well merited. A citizen's meeting in Trenton last Friday made an unsuccessful effort to have Chief Bain remain with the town force and gave him much praise for his work in maintaining law and order.

FREAK ELECTION BETS

Every election has its aftermath of freak wagers and the recent by-election was no exception. A leap from the bridge into the icy waters of the river at Frankford was one, and the age-old bet, involving the rolling of a pea-nut along the street was another. Both were duly paid by the losers and created no end of amusement for the grown-ups and of interest for the small boys of the community. The Frankford loser took the precaution to have a doctor on hand to patch him up in case of accident, but his services were not required.

COMING EVENTS

Notices under this head 10 cents a line with a minimum charge 35c each issue

RIDGE ROAD SCHOOL CONCERT
and Christmas tree, Friday evening, December 19th at 8 p.m. Trial scene "Merchant of Venice" and other drills, dialogues etc. Admission, Adults 25 cts., Children 15 cts. 13 a

Regular Meeting of Board of Education

Several Important Matters Came Before
the Board at its Final Regular Meeting—Good Reports from Inspectors

The final meeting of the Board of Education for this year was held in the Board room on Tuesday evening. Those present were, Chairman Elliott, Trustees, J. S. Morton, W. C. Martin, M. Bird, H. H. Alger, J. McC. Potts, H. Martin, C. F. Walt, B. Bedford, C. F. Linn, Secretary R. Meiklejohn and Principals Halpenney and Williams.

The Property Committee reported that the material for repairing the roofs of the school buildings had been on hand for some time, but the contractors had not carried out the repairs.

Owing to the lack of exact information respecting the agreement the matter was laid over and a special meeting of the Board may be called to adjust the matter. The Property Committee will also look into the matter of providing a porch for the front entrance of the Public School.

The Finance Committee reported that certain of the Legislative grants had been withheld by the Department of Education and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Minister asking for a detailed statement to show the basis upon which the grants received were actually made.

The Inspector's report for the Public School was presented. It commended the teaching and class-room work in high terms.

Principal Halpenney stated that the H. S. Inspector had recommended new equipment for the Science room and requested that the Board consider expending about \$100 on apparatus for the Physics Lab. The matter was left with the Property Committee with full power to act.

At the request of Principal Halpenney also the High School will end its sessions on Saturday, Dec. 20th instead of Monday Dec. 22nd. He also announced that a series of University Extension lectures had been arranged by which lecturers from Queen's University would address open meetings in the High School. The first lecture will be held on December 18th.

A series of books for supplementary reading in third class in the Public School, required by the Department will be purchased.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Reggie McInroy who departed this life, December 2nd, 1923.

No one knows how much we miss him,
No one knows the bitter pain
We have suffered since we lost him,
Life has never been the same.
In our hearts his memory lingers,
Sweetly, tender, fond and true;
There is not a day dear Reggie,
That we do not think of you.

Sadly missed by—
FATHER, MOTHER AND SISTERS.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETS

The final session of this year's County Council is in session this week in Belleville. It opened on Tuesday and it is likely that the remainder of the week will be required to wind up the year's business.

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\$22.50

\$25.00

\$35.00

FRED T. WARD

MEN'S WEAR SPECIALIST

BRITAIN ORDERS ARREST OF PLOTTERS MENACING LIVES OF OFFICIALS IN EGYPT

A despatch from London says:—The discovery of a network of plots throughout Egypt, declared to menace the lives of British officials in that country and in the Sudan, from the Governor-General down to civil clerks, has caused the British authorities to issue orders for the arrest and imprisonment of all prominent anti-British plotters.

Further arrests, possibly on a large scale, in Cairo and Alexandria, are expected to follow quickly the arrests announced on Thursday, among others those of Nokrash Bey, Zaghloul Pasha's Minister of the Interior, and Abdul Rahman Fahmy, declared to have been long actively engaged in plots against England, it is intimated in official quarters here.

Discovery of the numerous plots is stated to have been made by the British authorities in their investigations following the murder of Major-General Sir Lee Stack, the Sirdar. For the most part the alleged plotters are said to belong to the groups of extremist patriots who aim at achieving the complete independence of their

country by the employment of any methods which they conceive will benefit their cause and place it before the rest of the world.

Great Britain, it was stated, intends to safeguard the lives of its subjects, and it is the belief of the men on the ground that the best method is to arrest the plot leaders, no matter what rank or position they may occupy in their country.

Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, the British High Commissioner in Egypt, has expressed the hope and opinion that the new Egyptian Cabinet will cooperate in breaking up the plots in addition to accepting the British demand that political meetings be stopped.

Great Britain is placing much emphasis on this last demand, it being explained that the murder of the Sirdar and the present crisis were, in the British view, the result of the Egyptian Government's allowing open meetings in which the discontented elements were able to work on public feeling and to further such plots as that for the murder of the Sirdar.

REWARD OFFERED FOR ARREST OF HI-JACKERS

Murdered Capt. Gillis and Son and Took Valuable Cargo of Liquor.

A despatch from Victoria says:—Capt. W. G. Gillis and his young son, believed by the police to have been murdered when a raid was made on their launch, the Beryl G., were held up, under the guise of the law, by a hi-jacker in a police uniform, according to a statement made by authorities working on the case here.

The Beryl G. took on 350 cases of liquor, more than half of which was transferred to another vessel before the raid was made on her off Sidney Island.

From evidence pieced together, it is said the actual boarding was accomplished by three men who rowed across San Juan de Fuca Straits in a boat which put out from a vessel alleged to have been operated by seven men, five of whom are now under arrest.

As the three men, one in a police uniform, boarded the launch, a shot rang out and Captain Gillis fell, mortally wounded.

Soon afterward there was a second shot and the son was killed, according to the police. Then the bandits' launch was brought alongside for transshipment of the cargo, after which, it is asserted, the two bodies were handcuffed together and dropped overboard.

A despatch from Seattle says:—A reward of \$2,000 each for the arrest or information leading to the arrest of Owen ("Cannonball") Baker and Harry F. Sowash, reputed Chicago gunmen and Puget Sound hi-jackers, is announced by the Government of B.C. in connection with its prosecution for the murder of W. G. Gillis and his son William on Sept. 18 last, when hi-jackers boarded the Gillis craft, Beryl G., in the Gulf of Georgia, killed the two men and took a valuable cargo of liquor.

Canadian Grain Selling in Britain to be Increased

A despatch from London says:—It is very probable that as a result of the adoption of a resolution by the British Empire Producers' Organization Canadian wheat will find a much greater market in Great Britain. The resolution stated it was desirable on economic and strategic grounds that the home production of wheat should be materially increased, and strongly urged that the wheat which must still be imported after the home supply has been absorbed should be purchased from the wheat growing centres of the Empire. The resolution further urged that steps be taken to organize and make fully available the wheat supplies of the Empire, and that the Government Institute an inquiry with the view of fixing the minimum quota of Britain's annual requirements which should be grown on home soil.



Abdel Aziz Ezzat Pasha, Egyptian minister in London, upon whom has fallen the responsibility for assuring Britain of the regret felt at Cairo over the assassination of Major-General Sir Lee Stack, governor-general of the Sudan and Sirdar of the Egyptian army.



Mrs. Warren Harding, whose death occurred recently at Marion, Ohio. She was the widow of the late president of the United States.

A General Education.

Of 4,402 students enrolled this year in the University of Toronto, 2,387, of over fifty-four per cent. are taking courses in Arts, while only eighteen per cent. are studying Medicine and only eleven per cent. are in Applied Science. This fact would seem to indicate that there is not, as has sometimes been asserted, a tendency on the part of the young people of Ontario to overlook the advantages of a general education and to strive to enter the more highly specialized and more highly paid professions. The Arts Faculty, with which practically all Universities, and certainly all the earlier Universities commenced, and which was in most cases the only Faculty for many decades, is still pre-dominant. Nowadays many students desire, if they can afford the time, to take the Arts Course before commencing the study of Medicine, or Forestry or Law. Of those in the Arts Colleges some intend going into the Ministry, some into teaching, some into law, some into business, still others into journalism, but a great many are simply anxious to secure a liberal education in order that they may have a good equipment for whatever career they may later decide upon. To all citizens who are interested in education and in the welfare of the youth of this Dominion it is pleasing to know that Arts, the foundation of all educational systems, is still more than holding its own.

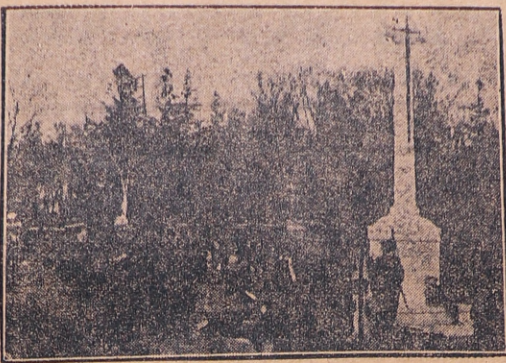
Effect of Eclipse of Sun to be Studied by Radio Fans

A despatch from New York says:—The effect, if any, of the eclipse of the sun on radio reception will be one of the subjects studied when the eclipse takes place on January 24. A publication devoted to science is co-operating with radio enthusiasts in an effort to collect data on this phase of the astronomical phenomenon.

Prof. Ernest W. Brown of Yale, chairman of the committee of the American Astronomical Society, which is arranging for general observation of the eclipse, points out that it will be visible over Connecticut and parts of New York, Canada, Michigan and Wisconsin. All of the observatories within the zone will watch the eclipse.

Those who are in the locality where the eclipse is total will have the opportunity of viewing the corona of the sun. This is the fringe of light around the edge. It is of a strange greenish-blue color which clothes the earth with an ashen tinge. Stars will be visible in the heavens even before the crescent of the sun has disappeared.

One of the most impressive sights of the eclipse will be the band of shadow approaching from the west at an enormous speed just before the face of the sun is entirely obscured. This is most impressive when viewed from a height.



On Armistice Day a memorial was dedicated in Cobourg to those of the town and surrounding country who gave their lives in the Great War. Rev. Canon Scott officiated at the ceremony.

Canada from Coast to Coast

St. John's, Nfld.—The market for dry codfish in European markets has seldom looked better than it does at present and the Newfoundland fishermen are getting the biggest prices that have prevailed since the war years. There is a considerable shortage of cod from Norway, Iceland, Britain and France, and consequently there has been an active demand from Southern European countries for this Newfoundland product.

Charlottetown, P.E.I.—Arrangements have been completed by the Provincial Government with the Federal Dept. of Agriculture for the provision of a fox experimental station here. The Island fox breeders have provided the land for the ranch and, in addition, have agreed to supply 25 pairs of silver foxes. The sum of \$5,000 for building and equipping the ranch has been provided by the local Government while the Federal Government will provide an operator and defray all costs of maintaining and operating this experimental station.

Kentville, N.S.—The evaporators in the Annapolis Valley located at Berwick, Aylesford and Kingston, are working to capacity. The demand for evaporated apples this year is said to justify the parties interested in this industry producing to the capacity of their plants. Several cars are moving to Winnipeg, as well as to local markets for export.

St. John, N.B.—As a result of the power charge reduction made by the common council recently, the Scandinavian-American line has decided to use this port on its eastbound trips. The first ship of this line to use St. John as a port will leave here about the end of December.

Quebec, Que.—The amount of lumber that will be cut in the forests of the province during the course of the coming winter, is expected to be equal

to the average for the last ten years, that is to say, in the neighborhood of 900 to 1,000 million feet, according to a statement made by the chief forester of the province.

Kingston, Ont.—Work is rapidly proceeding on the plant of the Dye and Chemical Co. of Canada, recently incorporated with headquarters in this city. It is expected that the plant will be completed by the end of December and in production in January next. Production at the start will be confined to pharmaceutical chemicals, coloring materials for food-stuffs, textile (soap) preparations, and dyes for paper, leather, fur, inks, etc.

Winnipeg, Man.—It is estimated by the Provincial Dairy Commissioner that butter production in the province this year will exceed that of last year by 1,500,000 pounds. Prospects indicate that the output for 1924 will be at least 12,250,000 pounds, or possibly 12,500,000 pounds, of which amount 7,000,000 will be available for export.

Regina, Sask.—Sixteen thousand, five hundred chickens have been brought into Regina this fall under the new pool car system, and the season has only started. Of the total about one-half have been shipped out for foreign markets in live poultry transit cars, specially built for the business.

Calgary, Alta.—Following an interview with the Minister of the Interior, farmers in the Redlaw-Lomond district are proceeding to form an irrigation district under the Alberta Irrigation Act.

Vancouver, B.C.—There is an active revival of lumber queries from the Orient, Australia and Africa, and it is anticipated orders for approximately 40 million feet will be placed with British Columbia mill by December 1. It is reported that an order for eight to twelve millions feet is already placed for Sudan delivery.

Whose lines extend into every part of Germany, was \$6,200,000,000.

Present capitalization consists of \$3,095,000,000 common stock issued to the German Government or the German states, and \$2,620,000,000 first mortgage reparations bonds, guaranteed by the German Government, which have been issued to a trustee appointed by the Reparations Commission.

The company is also authorized to issue \$476,000,000 in preferred stock and \$22,500,000 second mortgage bonds, which will be pledged as security for the \$15,000,000 credit.

There are not many industries that can claim to have increased their output by 42 per cent. during the past four years. But the Canadian pulp and paper industry can do so. Most industries refer to 1920 as their peak year for output, but the pulp and paper industry has passed its 1920 production figures by nearly 50 per cent. What is more, it continues to set up new marks.

If you allow your shadow to be cast for a short while on one of the great pools where oil is stored in California, and then move away, the shadow will remain. The explanation is simple. The heat of the sun causes gas to rise in minute bubbles in the oil. The shadow cools a part of the surface, decreasing the gas formation, causing a difference in refraction.



Mr. O. Young (left) temporary chief of the reparations commission, turns over the office to Mr. S. Parker Gilber, permanent agent, at the commission headquarters in Berlin.

The Week's Markets

TORONTO.		10-lb. tins, 13½c; 5-lb. tins, 14c;	
Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.76½;	No. 2 North, \$1.71½; No. 3 North, \$1.66½; No. 4 wheat, \$1.56½.	Smoked meats—Hams, med., 26 to 27c; cooked hams, 27 to 28c; smoked rolls, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 21 to 24c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c; backs, hockles, 29 to 30c.	Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.80; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$38; heavyweight rolls, \$27.
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 66c; No. 3 CW, 64c; extra No. 1 feed, 64c; No. 1 feed, 63c; No. 2 feed, 60c.	All the above, c.i.f., bay ports.	Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.33.	Milled—Del. Montreal freights, bags included; Bran, per ton, \$30.25; shorts, per ton, \$32.25; middlings, \$38; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.25.
Ont. wheat—No. 3 white, 49 to 51c.	Ont. wheat—No. 2 winter, \$1.33 to \$1.35; No. 3 winter, \$1.31 to \$1.33; No. 1 commercial, \$1.29 to \$1.31, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.	Barley—Malt, 88 to 93c.	Buckwheat—No. 2, 82 to 85c.
Rye—No. 2, \$1.10 to \$1.12.	Ont. flour—New, ninety per cent. pat., in jute bags, Montreal, prompt shipment, \$6.50; Toronto basis, \$6.50; bulk, seaboard, nominal.	Man. flour—First pat., in jute bags, \$9.20 per bbl.; 2nd pat., \$8.70.	Hay—No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14.50; No. 3, \$12.50.
Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9.	Screenings—Standard, cleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$26.	Cheese—New, large, 19c; twins, 19½ to 20c; triplets, 21c; Stiltons, 22c. Old, large, 23 to 24c; twins, 24 to 25c; triplets, 25 to 26c.	Butter—Finest creamery prints, 89 to 40c; No. 1 creamery, 37 to 38c; No. 2, 34 to 35c; dairy, 28 to 30c.
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 65 to 67c; loose, 63 to 65c; storage extras, in cartons, 48 to 49c; loose, 47 to 48c; storage firsts, 44 to 45c; storage seconds, 38 to 39c.	Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 20c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 16c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 23c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 18c.	Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 20c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 28c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 25c.	Beans—Can. hand-picked, lb., 6½c; primes, 6c.
Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.50; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.40 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.	Honey—60-lb. tins, 13½c per lb.;		



The French Senate recently granted complete amnesty to former Premier Joseph Caillaux, who was convicted of defeatist activities during the world war.

CANADIAN STEAMER BURNS NEAR DETOUR

Collingwood Skipper and Crew Rescued by U.S. Coastguard Boat.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says:—The steamer J. C. Ford, owned by Capt. Percy Ramsay and Capt. W. T. Ramsay of the Sault, was completely burned at anchor off Little Trout Island, near Detour, the loss being estimated at close to \$40,000, which is only partly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. The United States coastguard boat came to the rescue, taking the 11 members of the crew safely to shore. They reached the Sault by tug.

The barge was plying her way light from Cleveland to Thessalon when the fire started off Little Trout Island. Capt. Woolner of Collingwood, who arrived in the Sault with the crew, praised the work of the United States coastguard in rescuing the crew, even after the boat had lost a wheel.

Chief Engineer T. Horrigan was in the boiler room when members of the crew told him if he wanted to save his life to leave the ship, as it was on fire. By that time the fire had spread to all parts of the ship. There was a possibility that the fire started from defective wiring in the ship, but he did not know.

The boat was on her last trip of the season. She was used to carry lumber and coal, and was on her way for a load of lumber when the fire broke out. She was carrying a load of lumber when the fire broke out. She was carrying a load of lumber when the fire broke out.

Official figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indicate that for the whole of Canada over 14,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas was produced last year. The value of this was \$5,875,150 in 1923, which shows the striking gain of over \$4,500,000 above the figures for 1910.

TWO OF CREW PICKED UP IN LAKE ERIE GALE

Rest of Crew and Owner of Buffalo Fishing Tug Go Down With the Vessel.

A despatch from Dunkirk, N.Y., says:—Grave fears are entertained here for the safety of the fishing tug Harold G. Beck; her master, Captain John Beck of Buffalo, and three members of his crew. Two of the deckhands were picked up by the freighter Belgian and taken to Buffalo.

The missing men are: Capt. John Beck, 1057 West Avenue, Buffalo, owner; Harold G. Beck, engineer, son of the captain; two members of the crew, which consisted of Christ Moore of Sandusky, Ohio; Harry Nowicki, Walter Zuralski and Joe Antusewski, all of Dunkirk.

The tug was returning to the harbor from the fishing grounds last night, when a shaft on the propeller broke. She was then in mid-lake, about 25 miles off this port, and a fierce storm was raging.

Flares were sent up, which were sighted by the master of the Belgian, en route to Buffalo. The Belgian was put about to attempt a rescue. Three hawser were put on the tug, rolling in the trough of the heavy seas, but they all snapped like threads. In maneuvering with the lines, two members of the deck crew of the tug succeeded in scrambling aboard the Belgian.

After the third line parted, the Beck drifted away in the fog. The master of the Belgian stood by for two hours, trying to locate the tug, but did not sight her again. He then proceeded to Buffalo.

Local fishermen say that the storm was one of the worst of the year. The wind blew at 70 miles an hour, and there was a dense, shifting fog.



Ziviar Pasha, who has succeeded Said Zaghlul Pasha as premier of Egypt. He is a moderate and was formerly president of the senate in Cairo, and before that minister to Rome.

As a result of the removal by South Africa of dumping duties on Canadian paper, Canadian manufacturers will make an effort to recapture this market. The removal of the duty will be of great benefit to manufacturers of craft paper, as it was against this paper that the duty was put in force.

HEALTH EDUCATION

BY DR. J. J. MIDDLETON

Provincial Board of Health, Ontario.

Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

A prominent business man of Toronto was recently found dead in his garage, with the engine of his automobile still running. On investigating the case, the conclusion arrived at was that the man's death was due to carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide has become one of the commonest forms of gas poisoning in the cities. It is now found that the deaths from this gas exceed those from any other poison. But deaths from carbon monoxide can happen anywhere. This gas can be just as fatal in small cottages out in the country through incomplete combustion in the coal furnace or stove. It can produce fatal results in a garage, as has been seen when the engine is left running and not sufficient ventilation provided. The danger involved in running a gasoline engine in a small closed space for any length of time should be recognized by all automobile owners. In recent tests on the exhaust of a small automobile engine, it was found that it discharged approximately twenty-five cubic feet of gas per minute, samples of which gave an average of six per cent. carbon monoxide or one and one-half cubic feet of deadly carbon monoxide gas every minute. Larger engines will naturally give off more. A ratio of fifteen parts of carbon monoxide to ten thousand parts of air is considered a dangerous concentration to be exposed to for any considerable time, and a small engine in "warming up" and giving off only one cubic foot of carbon monoxide

per minute would contaminate the air of a garage 10 feet by 10 feet by 20 feet to the danger point in about three minutes.

It is not so very long ago that the newspapers contained an account of a young girl who, while taking a bath, was asphyxiated through having a small heating stove in the bathroom. These accidents occur so unexpectedly that it is well for the public to know the danger of hot water gas heaters becoming an important source of carbon monoxide in houses, especially where they are not properly connected to an active flue. Soot gradually collects in these devices, and may become incandescent, thus furnishing ideal conditions for the production of carbon monoxide, which, unless removed through the flue, may result in serious accidents.

The danger of carbon monoxide is that it is odorless and the victim has thus little warning of its presence until symptoms appear. The individual feels dizzy and complains of headache, with a feeling of sleepiness and sense of fatigue. Because of the great loss of motor power which the gas causes to the muscles of the body, the victim may be unable to escape even though he is aware of the danger. It is thus well to know something of the dangers of carbon monoxide and where it is liable to appear, for to be forewarned is to be forearmed. Proper ventilation is essential wherever there is danger from this poison.

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The Pace That Kills.

It may be taken for granted that we don't wish to die young. Also that, if we live to a good old age, we should like to have sufficient vigor left to enjoy ourselves in moderate measure and not to be merely half-alive burdens to ourselves and others.

Well, the recipe for a vigorous old age is to use the test contained in the question: "Is it worth while?"

A well-known scientist says that premature death, or decrepit old age, is due to the too lavish expenditure of energy—the "life forces"—physical and mental.

We have no reserve at the time we want it. We've spent so freely that there's nothing in the Bank of Vitality. So his advice is that we should restrain this expenditure by the test: "Is it worth while?"

That not only applies to strenuous mental and physical expenditure, but to much else. For instance, it is not worth while to be very angry. Anger makes a huge draft on our "life force." The exhaustion which follows an outbreak of violent anger is nothing less than an exhaustion of "life."

It is not worth while to fling our brains to complete a task. An over-driven horse, an over-worked machine, is never quite the same afterwards. Similarly with the delicate human machine. It is not worth while "hating," or scheming revenge. The consequent draft on the "life force" in us is very large.

Even pleasures should not escape the test. Late hours may apparently hold no harm, but that "washed-out" feeling is a sign that we have parted with much of our vitality.

The toll has been taken, and because the ordinary replacement of used vitality takes all our time, the special loss is never really made up.

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Dad's Lantern.

I ride a horse to school six miles away. One night—last week it was—I had to stay.

An extra hour to practice in the "rym." I saddled Billy, gave rein to him. And started home. The country roads were dim, and fog had settled down, all thick and gray.

Somehow I felt so tired and chilled clear through. I knew that I'd be missing supper too. Out on the farm. It wasn't very gay. To ride a horse to school six miles away.

And then go home alone. I'm here to say that chilly wind and fog just made me blue. The miles slipped by at Billy's lazy jog.

And then—I saw Dad's lantern through the fog. And Dad himself came down to lift the gate. "We heard you in the lane. It's pretty late."

But Mother seemed to think we'd better wait. He said to me. And all I said was "Gee!"

You hadn't oughta waited just for me."

But say! I'll not forget if I should be a hundred years how glad I was to see Dad's lantern, blinking through the fog at me.

And how it seemed too bulky to be true. That all the folks were waiting supper too!

—Nina Hatchitt Ruffield in Youth's Companion.

Was It You?

An old man limped along life's way. His grief-bowed head was crowned with gray; Somebody cheered his dreary day. I wonder—Was it you?

A lonely child, devoid of guile, Looked up, and tears bedimmed its smile; Somebody stopped to play awhile. I wonder—Was it you?

There's always someone needing aid. Some trembling heart alone, afraid, Some load that could be lighter made. Can they depend on you? —Pearl Holloway.

Vegetable Ivory's Uses.

Vegetable Ivory taken from the tuguia nut is widely used in making buttons. The tupelo or sour gum tree is being considered as a possible source of paper pulp in the south.

In many parts of China, the women attribute magical properties for the cure of certain diseases to water drawn after midnight of the seventh day of the seventh month.

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The Circuit Rider and the Devil.

There was rain on the mountain—cold, drizzling, marrow-chilling rain that made the Methodist circuit rider as he urged his old horse to greater speed button his shabby old coat up under his chin and pull his hat down over his eyes. The constant drip, drip, drip on the dead leaves of the forest made him think with eager anticipation of his little home. There would be a bright crackling fire of hickory logs, a softly shaded lamp on the reading stand beside his chair, and Sally, plump, rosy-cheeked, cheerful Sally, the best wife a man ever had!

He had a surprise for Sally. Safe in the old wallet buttoned up snug in the inside breast pocket of the old coat were two five-dollar bills, and both of them were for Sally. Money that Sally needed had come to him so unexpectedly that he felt that the Lord had made him the custodian of it as a direct gift to his wife. He was boyishly thrusting his hand into his pocket just to feel the treasure when some one close beside the road cried, "Hi!"

The preacher realized that was in a "moonshiners' country." Peering through the misty gloom, he found to his consternation that he was close to old Nance's cabin, the notorious haven of all the evil-doers of three townships. Ten dollars was a fine sum in that country at that time; it is not at all strange that the rider wondered whether he were about to be robbed.

"Parson," said the stranger, "old Nance wants that you should come in and pray for her. She's took that sick, an' Jack was took off yestiddy to jail on account of the still. Me an' my ol' kin, we heard tell that you was comin' back home this way, an' I been standin' here for the last hour, watchin' for you."

Needless to say the preacher granted the old woman's request; he read a chapter from the Bible that he always carried in his saddle bag and then expounded it. Nor was that all. Finding that the old crone needed material aid also, he left one of the precious bills in her weathered hand.

A good deed, you say, and worthy of the man. Yes, no doubt, but let the preacher tell what followed:

"When I mounted my horse to ride on the Devil got up behind me, and his voice whispered, 'Now what are you going to say to Sally? Huh, huh! That was an evil place. And what are you going to tell Sally?'

"In vain did I argue the case with his Evil Majesty; he always came back with, 'Yes, yes! But what are you going to tell Sally?'

"At last I just turned my horse round and said, 'Look here, Devil! I'm going to go back and give the old woman the other five, and then we'll see what I'll tell Sally!' And my old horse turned round of his own accord, and when I'd got rid of the money we jogged on home in peace."

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My Work.

Let me but do my work from day to day In field or forest, at desk or loom, In roaring market-place or tranquil room.

Let me but find it in my heart to say, When vagrant wishes beckon me astray, This is my work, my blessing, not my doom;

Of all who live I am the one by whom This work can best be done in my own way.

To suit my spirit and to prove my powers, Then shall I cheerfully greet the laboring hours And cheerful turn when the long shadows fall;

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777	777
999	999
	1111

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(Clip this out and paste it, with other of the series, in a scrapbook.)

China's Mystery Creatures.

Strange creatures, said to have been found in the South of China, are causing a great deal of scientific curiosity. The most amazing of these discoveries deals with a race of "dog-faced" people. This tribe is said to live far in the interior. They have thick hair all over their bodies, live in trees, and are entirely savage.

There have been reports also of a blue tiger, a creature which is against all known laws of zoology. This beast is not striped like the ordinary tiger, but has a bluish fur resembling the color of coarse dungaree. During one month, a scientist reported, this specimen killed and ate sixty people. The same explorer, Dr. Caldwell, also discovered a barge as big as a bear, and shot a scow, a very rare animal which is a cross between a goat and an antelope.

All these reports lend color to the theory held by many scientific men that in southern China there are many strange primitive men and animals to be discovered. Life in this region today is supposed to be very like that in prehistoric times, and many "prehistoric" animals may be still existing. The men, too, have probably remained almost unchanged.

For years the Chinese themselves have believed that dragons and flying serpents exist in their country. They have been scoffed at as having vivid imaginations, but may it not be a fact that these creatures still lurk in the hinterland where white men have rarely penetrated?

The safe way to send money by mail is by Dominion Express Money Order.

Money We Seldom See.

Apart from issuing the ordinary coinage of the realm, the British Mint makes various coins that are never handled in the United Kingdom.

Among these are aluminum coins made for use in Africa, including the ten-penny piece circulated in Nigeria and the half-cent used mainly in the Uganda Protectorate. Both are perforated, to conform to the native habit of carrying money on a string.

For Ceylon there is issued a quaint little square coin, worth five cents. Another oddity is the Maltese "grano," which has the distinction of being our smallest coin. It is worth one-twelfth of a penny.

Minard's Liniment for Rheumatism.

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The human heart is like a millstone in a mill; when you put wheat under it, it turns and grinds and bruises the wheat to flour; if you put no wheat, it still grinds on, but then 'tis itself it grinds and wears away.—Martin Luther.

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BORROWED THOUGHTS

The weakest among us has a gift, however seemingly trivial, which is peculiar to him, and which worthily used, will be a gift also to the race.—RUSKIN.

A Solemn Warning

(Contributed)

A man who was too miserly to take his home paper sent his little boy to borrow his neighbor's copy. In his haste the boy ran over a hive of bees and in ten minutes his face looked like a warty squash. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance and, failing to notice a barbed wire fence in his way ran into it and broke it down, cut a handful of flesh from his anatomy and ruined a \$5.00 pair of trousers. The cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the corn. Hearing the racket the housewife ran out in great agitation, upsetting a four-gallon churn of rich cream. The cream was spilled into a basket of kittens and drowned them. In her hurry the good woman lost a seven-dollar set of teeth. The baby, left alone, crawled through the cream and on into the parlor, ruining a brand new twenty-dollar rug. Taking advantage of the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up the nests of eleven setting hens and the calves got out and chewed the clothes on the line.

The miserly man could have had a paper of his own for \$2.00 a year. It cost him just \$209.00 to borrow his neighbor's.

County Hospitals

A movement is on foot to establish a hospital at Bancroft. The promoters draw attention to the value of that district as a site for an institution to treat pulmonary troubles. That is a worthy cause and probably merits support. But the whole question of providing local hospitals at a number of points in northern Hastings for the general treatment of patients should not be lost sight of.

A few years ago, when Dr. Farley of Trenton was President of the Ontario Medical Association, a preliminary survey was made of conditions in the northern portion of this county. The facts uncovered

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Each year you become more dependent on your eyes for work and for pleasure. And good sight in middle life, and beyond, depends in a large measure on the care given the eyes earlier in life. Eye strain is a subtle thing, often existing a long time before one realizes that it is present, for the eye works so involuntarily one is not conscious of extra effort being made.

To have and keep good sight you should have the eyes examined by an expert eye specialist every 12 to 18 months. That in a service we have been rendering the public for many years.

I will be in Stirling, at the Kerby House, the Third Thursday this month (December 18th). Appointments may be made between the hours of 1 and 5.30 p.m.

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ered by that survey were published by the Association and revealed shocking conditions. Recommendations were made that two or three small local hospitals should be provided and that in addition medical and nursing services should be included in a general plan to be bonused by the Government when necessary. Those familiar with the situation are emphatic as to the almost distressing need, and it would seem an opportune time to consider the larger plan, when the hospital for tubercular patients is being projected.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The slogan "do your Christmas shopping early" is no joke. Nor is it a joke for the merchants and their clerks to wait on a swarm of last minute purchasers of gifts. Have a heart! Shop early, so that everyone—overworked clerks and postal officials included—may have a Merry Christmas, just three weeks from to-day.

Hastings Happenings

News Briefs Gleaned from Our County Exchanges.

Bancroft Hospital

In view of the fact that Bancroft is 200 feet above the water level at Trenton and is in the Highlands and pines of Ontario, it has been suggested that a hospital be established for consumptives. Bancroft is as high as Muskoka and there are many lakes, in fact, 32 lakes can be seen from the road leading from Belleville to Bancroft. A number of people have chosen the site to recuperate from the

Sparks from a Preacher's Anvil

A Series of Sermonettes by Rev. Robt. Simpson

Shut thy doors about thee: Isa. 26:20

December month is the time for reflection. The doors of the mind stand open and the months parade their joys and troubles events before us. This is disconcerting and dangerous. We have to learn to shut our doors.

In Scotland there are many "kirk roads," these paths run through the fields and cannot be closed, but on the gates these words are often seen—"Shut the gate." On passing through a field where wild-eyed, long-horned, shaggy highland cattle are grazing, it is with distinct relief that one "Shuts this gate."

December is gate shutting month. In the fields behind us there are creatures that we do not wish to follow us. Shut thy doors about thee.

Let us forget the things that vexed and tried us.

The worrying things that caused our souls to fret, The hopes that cherished long, were still denied us.

Let us forget.

Let us forget the little slights that pained us;

The greater wrongs that rankle sometimes yet;

The pride with which some lofty one disdained us.

Let us forget.

II

Think how much worry we bring to ourselves because we do not shut our doors behind us when we make our

dread disease and in every case have shown gains in weight and health for a time at least. One man has built a house this summer and intends to reside in Bancroft and hopes to be completely cured. It is also believed that if proper facilities were offered many people would assist in the establishment of the enterprise to help the suffering. The railway gives excellent service now—Bancroft Times.

Belleville Gets Industry

Negotiations have finally been completed by which Belleville has been chosen as the home for the establishment of another most important American branch industry.

This is the third American corporation to select Belleville the present year and the seventh in a little more than a two-year period.

The latest acquisition is the Massey Concrete products Company of Chicago, the largest organization of its kind in the United States. The principal products turned out are the massive concrete culvert pipes used by railways, sewer pipes, signal bowls, concrete posts and standards and a variety of kindred lines. Belleville Ontario.

Good Year for Canning

Extensive working operations at the E. C. Metcalf canning plant have ceased for the season, a small force of employees still remaining to care for stocks on hand and in general care of the buildings. This season holds the record for the quantity of produce treated and plans have been arranged for largely increased business for next year. The quality of the E. C. Metcalf Canning Co. products enjoy an enviable reputation from coast to coast, and largely increased business each year is reported. The activities of this company add much to the industrial and commercial life of Deseronto.—Tweed Advocate.

What Others Say

IS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORTH WHILE? (Whitby Gazette)

Rally Day was recently celebrated in the schools of the country, and the occasion leads one to reflect on the value of this institution to the community, and to consider the question: Is the Sunday School worth while? One has not far to go to find examples of the usefulness of the Sunday School in this and other communities. Indeed, the answer is to be most easily obtained from parents themselves. It is, of course, a foregone conclusion that the Sunday School provides the best workers in the various enterprises of the church. But it is to the material side of things that we can turn for an answer that will appeal to the practical man of affairs also. The warden of a state prison, where there was always an average population of about fifteen hundred men, made this statement: "I have carefully re-stigated all the prisoners who have passed through these doors for more than twelve years, and I have to say that rarely have I found one who in his youth attended Sunday School regularly, and not one per cent. of the total reported having attended Sunday School at all."

"THE GREATEST BOOK"
(Farmer's Sun)
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decisions in life. After deciding—which words means to cut off discussion—how often we leave the doors open. When things go wrong we chide ourselves with vain regrets. The secret of serenity is to have learned to shut the doors about us and accept the consequences of our decisions. We cannot at their rightness or wrongness, let us enjoy our right decisions and profit from our wrong. But please shut the door against endless revising of a decision made.

III

Here is another thought kindling spark: We cannot hear God's voice because the doors are not shut. Jesus said "When thou prayest shut thy door." S. D. Gordon tells of a man who, in a public telephone booth kept shouting, "I can't hear, I can't hear," some one said, "If you'll shut the door you can hear." Just so, His door was open, so is ours often and we wonder why we can't hear God's answer to our prayers.

IV

A very serene Christian man was asked by his minister for his secret. He told him that years before he had suffered nervous prostration because he could not shut out the worries of life: when his bedroom door shut him in it did not shut the worries out. So he decided, by God's help, that when his body went to bed his brain would not stay up; so now, he said, "WHEN I SHUT THE DOOR, I'VE SHUT THE DOOR."

Your Savings Account Book," reads an advertisement in the Toronto street cars. There is an engaging frankness about this statement. There have always been a great many people who really believed that their bank book was the greatest book in the world, but they have generally been timid about exposing their faith in this book of books. In pioneer days when bank books were something of a rarity, the phrase, "The Greatest Book in the World" would have meant the Bible to the less sophisticated minds of that generation. If any men worshipped the Golden Calf, it showed through their actions and not in their public pronouncements. Hypocrisy of that sort has been cast aside, and now when we speak of "The Greatest Book," all enlightened people know at once that the bank book is referred to.

When the ancient Israelites bowed down before the Golden Calf, they had the genuine article, made out of nice shiny 18-karat gold, set up on a pedestal, towards which worshippers might raise reverent eyes. To-day gold coins are so rare that only the old timers remember what they look like. We are more easily satisfied than the Israelites. Little figures written in "The Greatest Book" crisp bills made of paper, bring us the same ecstasy. When we put up a statue to the Golden Calf, it will no doubt be made of paper, with a little cheap gilt on it.

LOCAL LOYALTY

(Carleton Place Canadian)

If you live in this town, and your interests are here, it is your duty, insofar as possible, to patronize the institutions of the town. Of course if you are a drone, only stopping here without any interest in the past, present or future of the town—a parasite—sapping all the life you can from others without giving any in return, there may be some excuse for you trading away from home, but if you believe in giving a little as well as taking a lot there is no excusable apology that can be offered for not patronizing home institutions.

LOOKING BACKWARD

FROM NEWS-ARGUS NOV. 30TH, 1899.

The British forces in South Africa are now advancing all along the line though they are most stubbornly opposed by the Boers.

The Herald, Montreal lately published an article in which was illustrated the doings of Sergeant Sirman the English pensioner, who for several months fished several in this village and vicinity.

Tenders are invited for the construction of the Trent Valley Canal between Trenton and Frankford, a distance of nine miles. Evidently there is not another incorporated village in the Dominion which is, or promises to be better supplied with doctors than Stirling. Although there is scarcely 1,000 population there will soon be six doctors.

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WINTERING BEES.

Every Colony Should Have a Queen
—Have Enough Bees—Keep In a Naturally Protected Place.

Every spring beekeepers find from 5% to 50% of their colonies have died during the winter, or are very weak. There is no reason why the winter loss should be higher than 2% or 3%, provided the beekeeper will prepare and pack the bees properly. So says Prof. Eric Millen of the Ontario Agricultural College.

Every Colony Should Have a Queen.

The first step is to make sure every colony has a queen. As it is too late to queen now, queenless colonies should be united with those having a queen. Place a sheet of newspaper on top of a strong queen-right colony, and place the brood-chamber of the queenless colony on top. Leave them for a week, and then shake the bees into the lower broodchamber and remove the upper broodchamber. It is taken for granted that no American foulbrood exists in the apiary. Otherwise, colonies should not be united, but rather destroy the queenless colonies and combs, if diseased.

Have Sufficient Bees.

The next step is to see that each colony has sufficient bees to cover at least three frames on both sides, if examined on a cold morning when the bees are clustered. This will insure enough bees to come through the winter, provided the stores and protection are adequate. A very important factor of wintering is the question of food. Many beekeepers give every colony ten or fifteen pounds of sugar syrup made in the proportion of 2 1/2 of sugar to one of water, and fed in an inverted feeder over the brood frames. This is done in many cases regardless of the amount of stores the colony has. Every colony should have at least 45 pounds of food to ensure successful wintering, and an opportunity to increase in strength in the spring.

Keep In a Naturally Protected Place.

Bees should be kept in a naturally protected place for winter, or a board fence should be erected around the apiary to form a wind protection. Colonies may be packed singly, two in a case, four in a case, or in any other way desired by the beekeeper. Three or four inches of packing should be placed all around the colony, and not less than eight inches on top. Dry leaves, planer shavings or cork chips make satisfactory packing material. If the beekeeper will see that his colonies are put away for winter in good condition, the winter loss will be negligible.

The foundation of any enduring structure, whether of a business, a farm, or a life, is thrift.

Rebuilding is not always necessary to make most farm home attractive. Paint and shrubbery plantings will work wonders.

An Old Boy's "Think"

Possibly one of the most remarkable upsets in Dominion politics occurred on the Nov. 25th when Charles Edward Haug defeated E. Guss Porter, conservative, in the federal by-election in West Hastings, Ontario. Porter, who had represented the constituency for 23 years and had a majority of 1178 at the last general election, resigned as a protest on the house committee's findings on his charges against Hon. James Murdock. He made a bid for a little cheap notoriety on what he considered a sure thing and made a jumpy martyr of himself. It was a big day for the Liberals! One might just as well expect a Toronto seat to go liberal as one of the Hastings. And the occupant (Wm. Crosby, formerly of Stirling) of the swivel chair at the local depot is surprised but sitting pretty, while the tiller (A. N. Fox, formerly of Foxboro and Belleville) of n. e. 10-18 10 can't figure out what's got into the old hum town.—Wolsely News, Sask.

The Editor of the Wolsely News is an old Hastings boy, Mr. T. E. Scriver. He edited the Hastings Star 20 years ago.

Generous Gifts

The immense value offered by The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal this season is meeting with the success the publishers deserve. Their large calendar for 1925 with the beautiful picture—"The Sale of Old Dobbin" is proving a very popular premium, while the Ten Thousand Dollar Election Contest is a record breaker. For those who raise clubs of new subscribers, there is a catalogue of some very handsome and useful rewards. The Family Herald is securing thousands upon thousands of new subscribers by their generous gifts, added to the super excellence of the paper itself, in fact few homes will be found without that great weekly when Two Dollars will secure so much.

Select Sires to Give Balance.

If the dairy herd is made up of low testers and poor producers, a bull from good producing and high testing ancestry should be chosen. If the females are too leggy, select a male that is compact and close to the ground. If the sow is rough in the shoulder and short in the side, select a boar with compact, well-muscled, shoulder and with length and scale.

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25 lb box.....	2.75	20 bars Standard Laundry Soap for.....	.69c.
3 lbs. Cocoa for.....	25c.	16 oz. bottle Catsup, per bot.....	1.00
4 lb. Glass Jar Strawberry or Raspberry Jam, the very best.....	1.00	2 lbs. Soap Chips for.....	.25c.
4 lb. Jar Seville Orange Marmalade.....	1.00	3 Cakes Palmolive Soap for.....	.25c.
for.....	1.00	Navel Oranges, Cranberries, Lemons, the best quality obtainable.	
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Local and Personal

We hope our readers will consider this column their very own. We always appreciate receiving items of local interest by telephone (59) post card or by a friendly call at the office.

Car of coal just arrived \$15.75 delivered \$15.00 off car. FRED McKEE. 13 (a)

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Cook, Betty and Elaine of New Liskeard are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eggleton.

Mrs. Annie Hamilton and son spent the week end in Belleville visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. David McAdam of Havelock visited friends at Mt. Pleasant last week.

Reeve C. B. McGuire is attending the sessions of County Council in Belleville this week.

Remember St. Andrew's M. B. sale of Home Cooking etc. and afternoon tea in Agricultural Rooms, Dec. 6th, 3-6 p.m. 13 (a)

Mr. Alex Donald who was so severely injured a month ago, is improving slowly, and able to walk a little with help.

Miss M. Hart registered nurse of the staff of Belleville hospital spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eggleton and Margaret returned on Saturday from Toronto, where they spent a week visiting friends.

Mrs. R. A. Elliott is spending a week in Peterboro with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hubble of Campbellford were guests of Mr. Ed. Montgomery and Mr. John Johnson last week.

Mrs. A. Kennedy left on Friday for Moosejaw, Sask. to pay an extended visit with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Banks.

Mrs. Catharine Reynolds, Mill St., left last Friday for Marmora, where she will spend the next three months with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wells.

Mr. George F. Johnston of the relieving staff of the Union Bank of Canada is assisting in the Stirling office for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spafford and daughter of Cherry Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Manley Flake of Picton were visitors at Mr. W. S. Martin's last week.

Mr. R. P. Coulter has been confined to his home for a few days with heart weakness and a threatened attack of pneumonia. He is recovering steadily, however.

Mr. Jetty Thompson is re-arranging the interior of his store. The counter is being extended and new shelving added. It will make the shop decidedly more convenient and attractive.

The old grocery business of George Lagrow on Front St. formally changed hands last Monday. Mr. Roy Thrasher is the new owner. Be sure to read his ad in this issue.

Lord Byng of Vimy, Governor General of Canada passed through Anson on his way from Peterboro to Trenton last week. Very few knew that his special car would come that way and only a small number of people were at the station to greet him.

Mrs. J. D. Mills and little daughter left yesterday for London, Ont. where they will spend a few weeks with Mrs. Mill's mother, Mrs. Thos. Ball, who accompanied her from Stirling. Mr. Mills expects to go up later to spend the Christmas vacation in London and Tillsonburg.

"The pond is safe" Conley Ackers who has made the first tests every year for some years announced this morning that there was about three inches of ice. By the way, who is going to run the rink this year? There's a job for somebody.

Mr. Stewart M. Elliott has accepted a good position with the Quaker Oats Co. at Peterboro and left on Saturday

to assume his duties. He will be much missed by his friends in Stirling, all of whom will wish him every success in his new work.

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A CONTRADICTION

I heretofore wish to contradict a statement rumored to the effect that I destroyed the will of the late Frederick B. Fanning. I have in my possession a written evidence that Frederick B. Fanning destroyed his last will and testimony in the presence of G. G. Thrasher. Anyone wishing to see the same apply to HARRY H. FANNING.

Birthday Party

On Monday evening, Nov. 24th the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered at the home of Mr. John Montgomery, in Murray on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. For years as many as possible of the family have endeavored to meet at the old home on this memorable occasion.

About ten o'clock the meeting was called to order and the eldest son, Edward of Mt. Pleasant acted as chairman. The following address was read by Willie Montgomery and Miss Eva Rose made the presentation, both of them being grandchildren.

DEAR FATHER AND GRANDFATHER: Another year has rolled around and we have again gathered at the old home on this birthday occasion.

We are glad to find you in such good health this evening and able to be about as usual.

As a token of our esteem and goodwill we ask you to accept this sweater and purse as a loving remembrance from your children and grandchildren.

Signed by The Family:

Mr. Montgomery made a very fitting reply saying that he was happier to have his family about him than to be a millionaire with no loved ones who cared.

A programme was then given when a number of songs and hymns were sung. Roll call was then featured and nearly everyone made a short speech or told a joke. Recitations were given by Olive Rose and Gordon Crowe. Mrs. Percy MacMullen contributed two readings and the programme closed with "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and God Save the King.

An abundance of eats were passed around and home-made candy and then the crowd enjoyed themselves to the tune of the music till the wee sma' hours.

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Ont. 13 (b)

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Dr. W. Robt. Godard

announces that he will open a dental office in the Coulter Block, Mill St., Stirling, for the general practice of Dentistry, about December 4th, 1924.

Reward Offered

A substantial reward will be paid for information that will lead to the finding of SALOMY JANE, of Red Dog, Cal. Call at Empire Theatre, on Friday and Saturday evenings of This Week, at 8.15 sharp.

NEXT WEEK, DEC. 12th-13th

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Methodist Church

PASTOR—REV. C. W. BARRITT
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10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m.—The pastor.
7 p.m.—The pastor.
MONDAY, 8 p.m.—Epworth League

CARMEL, SUNDAY, DEC. 7TH
Service—2.30 p.m.

boro.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Young Peoples' League.

Presbyterian Church

MINISTER—REV. ROBT. SIMPSON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER, 7TH
10 a.m.—Sabbath School
Rev. J. C. Robertson D. D. Toronto, Secretary S. S. Committee will conduct services.
GUILD—Monday, 8 p.m.
Choir practise, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Rawdon Circuit Notes

REV. FRED G. JOBLIN, Pastor.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 1924.
Mt. Pleasant—10.30 a.m.
Wellmans—2.30 p.m.
Bethel—7.00 p.m.

League, Wellmans on Tuesday evening; Bethel on Thursday evening and Mt. Pleasant on Friday evening. Subject—Lantern slides illustrating Indian Life and Customs.

Christmas Tree at Mt. Pleasant
The pupils of Allan's School and William's School will hold a Christmas tree in Mt. Pleasant Community Hall on Friday evening, December 19th.

Here and There

Rex Beach, the eminent American author, was recently in New Brunswick as a guest of W. G. McIntyre. On leaving for his home in the United States at the conclusion of his visit, Mr. Beach expressed himself as a strong booster for the hunting and fishing possibilities of the province, charmed with its scenic beauties, delighted with its people and solemnly proposing to return with his gang next year.

The largest and one of the most valuable shipments of foxes ever to pass through Montreal, Que., by Dominion Express Company, was handled by that organization recently. There were 35 animals in the shipment, valued at \$17,000, 30 being silverblack foxes and the rest black foxes. The former were destined for exhibition at Minneapolis, while the latter went to different points in the Canadian West.

The Eastern International Dog-Sled Derby, which was so successful last year, will again be held at Quebec in 1925, the dates set being February 19th, 20th and 21st. As on former occasions, the distance to be covered will be 120 miles, at an average rate of 40 miles a day. Earl Bridges, Le Pas, Manitoba, now found his handsome trophy awarded for the race and is expected to defend his honors. Many teams are already working out.

A decided acquisition to Trois Rivières, Que., is the new Canadian Pacific Railway station, which was opened there on November 8th. The building is Italian in design. Rose and Macdonald, of Montreal, were the architects. Remarkable speed was made in the construction, as the contract for the work was only signed on June 2nd last. The opening ceremony was performed by Grant Hall, vice-president of the company, in the presence of many notables.

Three moose and one deer was the total bag of W. B. Leeds, jr., young American multi-millionaire, and his friends, Nils Florman, Albert Hopkins, Paul Smith and Mortimer Davis, Jr., as the result of their recent hunting trip into the Kipawa district. The leader of the party expressed himself as delighted with the results, as he had not hoped for such luck. Great quantities of game of all kinds were seen.

That the Land of Evangeline (Nova Scotia) now ships over 2,000,000 bushels of apples abroad annually was the recent statement of F. G. J. Comeau, general freight and passenger agent, Dominion Atlantic Railway. A number of British apple growers and buyers are at present putting large tracts of land under fruit. With the apple growing industry increasing from year to year, at the rate of two to three hundred per cent per decade, only twenty per cent of the orchard land available in the province is yet under fruit.

Perhaps the most remarkable

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CHARM AND GRACE.

To-day I want to tell you about two neglected attributes—grace and charm. I think that by cultivating grace and charm any woman can be attractive no matter what the shape of her nose or the color of her eyes. I do wish, however, I could tell you about bottles and jars out of which you could take these things, just as I can tell you about the creams and lotions to give you a pretty skin, and the hair tonics that give life and sheen to your hair. But since grace and charm cannot be bought I am going to try to give you a few hints to produce this evanescent of loveliness by your own will power.

There is nothing so attractive as a charming voice. So many lovely women are spoiled by high-pitched, thin, nervous voices. That is because they are always on the go.

To have the kind of voice that people want to listen to, try to talk from your chest and not from the roof of your mouth. Use only throaty tones. At first the new voice may sound a little affected. But if you continue to practice, in a few weeks it will become a natural contralto or mezzo-soprano.

Another hint for gaining a charming voice is never to talk so that people not directly in your conversation can hear you. Keep your voice so low that only the person to whom you are speaking can understand you. If you want other people in the room to know what you are talking about, tell them later.

Another thing that brings charm quickly and easily is a pleasant smile—not one of those hard surface smiles that seem to start at the teeth, but one that begins way down deep in the heart. After you have acquired such a smile, use it and use it. Remember, it won't wear out, and only grows more beautiful by practice.

Grace is simply the art of moving your body in harmony. A girl with a graceful figure is always considered stylish, while one who waddles or slumps or jerks cannot look well—not even in expensive gowns.

A simple exercise for acquiring a graceful walk is to balance a slipper or a book on your head every night for at least twenty minutes, while walking around the room. Another exercise is to clasp your hands at the back of your head and get up and sit down without unclaspings them. After you have mastered this, try getting up and lying down without moving your

hands from the back of your head. Doing each of these exercise twenty times a night will give you a lithe, girlish figure.

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And say "No thank you," when we're asked to take another slice,
And for the Lord's sake don't forget to tell her things is nice,
And careful we don't interrupt when anybody talks,
And go outdoors to run and play and don't get off the walks,
And shake her hand at leaving and be sure to say it hearty,
"I thank you dear Aunt Adelaide, it's been a pleasant party."

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And says a child's a stomach that you got to graft a soul on,
And so she makes us pies and cakes and feeds us in the kitchen,
And if we bust ourselves, she says, she'll take a stitch in.
Then she says she's baked some cookies, and if anybody rubbers
They must have seen the jar is on the low shelf of the cupboard.
She says her house is kid-proof; no one yet has broke or bent it,
And to bump our heads against it if we think that we can dent it.
And when we're hugging her good-by, we say "Oh, Aunt Sadie,
We're coming back to-morrow and we're glad you ain't a lady!"
—Edmund V. Cooke.

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Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd.)

Carlotta moved swiftly down upon the firm sand at the edge of the sun-kissed waves, and kept on walking steadily, as if seeking some ultimate congenial goal.

Far beyond the usual limits of the conventional morning walk she met Alan Rankine, and no surprise was visible on either face, because each had known, by some strange subconsciousness and telepathy of soul, that it would happen, and that their meeting, here, on the sands of Ayer, was written in the book of fate.

She did not even flush under his steady gaze, but had a tremulous smile for him as she offered him her frank, kind hand. An immense sense of well-being which was actually joy, seemed to enfold her; she was supremely content, and had no concern beyond the moment. It sufficed.

In the sun-dew of the April morning her heart sang, because she knew that all the gifts of youth and life were about to be poured at her feet.

Rankine laughed, with a touch of embarrassment.

"I knew we should meet to-day. I never walk here. I don't suppose I've been here on a Sunday morning since I was a boy, but when I got up this morning I knew that I should come here and find you!"

Carlotta did not laugh. There was nothing to laugh at. It was serious, as a genuine happiness must be when it has to last.

"We can only get a little farther," she said. "See, the tide is coming in. I know all about this shore. It has no tricks—only habits, which have to be learned and carefully watched."

"You will be the guide, then," he answered, "since you give me permission to walk with you."

"Of course," she said, turning her glorious eyes upon his face. "It is what we came out for, is it not?"

"You have felt it too! You understand?" he asked, as if stupefied by the wonder of his soul.

"Yes. Somewhere in eternity this day was registered for you and me."

Carlotta did not know herself, nor had she any control over her tongue in the usual sense. Yet she was not a babbling, nor one who would complicate life in any of its relations by foolish speech. It but added to her charm, since all men sooner or later weary of the babbling brook, murmuring at all eternity.

"It is eight days since we met," he said, in a low, eager voice. "Did you remember how long it was?"

"Yes, and I have been thinking of you through all these sad days. I was there when you laid him to rest. Did you know?"

He shook his head.

"I did not know, though I ought. But that is a day which blots other things out of a man's heart and life. It has been something like it seen in Alloway for generations. My father was not a great man, there were even some who called him a foolish one—but to have awakened affection in so many hearts was, surely, to have lived!"

"The life of the heart—it is worth all else," said Carlotta musingly, for the glow of passion, spent at the moment of meeting, was followed by a deepening quiet. "It moved me to tears—and yet I was glad, glad for your sake. How could one be sad on such a day? It was all glory to have lived and loved as he did, and then to pass on! It is what ought to be."

"In Stair there is only one to follow him, and that is Judy," said Rankine with a touch of gloom. "The qualities which made my father great are not of this generation."

"She is very wonderful, I know," said Carlotta; "and it is because she has been a burden-bearer. She is very simple and dear, as all those are who do the big things of life."

Rankine felt himself oddly moved, as a man may, when he hears his mother's name, or realizes in his own soul the secret of the springs of being. They walked on in silence, not noticing how the beach was narrowing, and how near they were approaching to the frowning Heads of Ayer.

"Carlotta," said Alan Rankine, suddenly, and with a touch of passion, "you will never go to The Lees as Peter Garvock's wife!"

She lifted her eyes to his with a still, wondering look. She did not know how or why, but Peter Garvock had just drifted out of her life quietly, effectively, as the bulk of an old cobbler, drifting with the ebb-tide, is lost to view!

"No! I will never go to The Lees as Peter Garvock's wife—there is nothing sadder than that."

"Say now that you will come to Stair, one day, as my wife—there is nothing sadder than that!" he said, and stood still on the firm wet sand, compelling her with his eyes.

She shook her head, and watched, with eyes that saw to the flight of a seagull, its graceful dip to the sun-kissed wave.

"That I cannot say—at least yet; for there is a long road to travel first."

Suddenly her eyes became dark with pain, and she stamped a passion-ate foot on the sand.

"Why—why—why is life so cruel? Why could you not have come at Christmas instead of at Easter? Why did I not meet you instead of Peter Garvock?"

brought that stupendous crowd to Alloway Kirk last Tuesday," said Rankine quickly.

"No, no!—don't I know? I was base, but I was tempted and I fell. You think you have known poverty, but you do not know the grinding, sordid kind of poverty such as ours is; the scheming and planning to make ends meet, to keep the family head of the dust! Then—and here she lifted her head with an odd, proud gesture of defiance—"I wanted to have my revenge on all these horrible people who have snubbed and belittled me since I came to this place."

"A poor Peter was to be the scapegoat," murmured Stair, with an infinite compassion.

Right to her eyes sprang two swift hot tears.

"Forgive me!" she said softly, and with an adorable glance which might well have banished his self-control. "But you are not angry? One is not angry with the child who knows no more. And how, not having met you, could I know?"

He almost groaned in spirit.

"It is honor we are talking about, Carlotta; but in this case what are we to do?"

"Listen, my dear—"

She called him "my dear" as if she were his mother.

"I never should have married Peter Garvock. I was learning it more convincingly every day. Something else would have happened, if not you. Not three days after I gave him my promise I felt myself drawing back. It is his own fault that he feels so sure."

"That will not serve for Peter when he knows," said Alan Rankine with the utmost gloom.

She shivered slightly and put another fold of her scarf about her throat.

Suddenly her wild eyes grew pitiful.

"I am afraid of Peter Garvock. He is a hard man even in the thing he calls love! And so jealous! He hates even the attention I give to my own people. Life with him would be terrible. It is peace the human heart needs, even more than happiness, and we should—we should—supposing I should come to Stair!"

"Listen, Carlotta. The thing which has come to you and me is so wonderful that nothing else matters. We have met, and we love one another. Is that not so?"

She bowed her head.

When I came into the room that day the whole world seemed to change for me."

"And for me," put in Carlotta swiftly. "My heart stood still, then all the blood rushed to it, and the room whirled, and there was only you."

"We belong to one another. But we shall have to walk warily."

"Apart," she said, with the swift petulance of a child, "apart for ever more."

"No, by heaven, not apart, but together. But how it is going to be done I know not. Who will tell Peter?"

"Why, I will tell him, of course. It is I, and not you, who have wronged him. That he persecuted me into a promise does not lessen the sum of my dishonor. My heart was never colder to him than at the moment when I promised to marry him. And when I told him it must be soon or never he might have guessed."

"I know my cousin's temper," said Rankine, gloomily once more. "It is high, and hasty, and vindictive, too. He will never forgive me; and it is me he will blame to the day of doom. I will take the blame gladly, Carlotta. I will tell Peter to-day, though it will be a sorry Sunday's work."

She shook a decisive head.

"I forbid you. This thing is mine, and we must part here until—until, or, perhaps, for ever."

(To be continued.)

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And they stretched clear before me,
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Would I press forward then, eager to climb
The topmost stair, to reach for memory's crown,
Or would I rather rest, life's humble clown,
Content on my own steps to hear the chime
Of friendly bells in some not too sublime,
Some long remembered, lower-lying town?

God knows how I might choose, if I had choice,
Or, having chosen, how the choice might be;
But this I know, and knowing it re-joice
Though I must wait for Time, not Time for me.

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THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Day, you know, dear children, is Christ's day, Christ's birthday, and I want to tell you why we love it so much, and why we try to make every one happy when it comes each year.

A long, long time ago—more than nineteen hundred years—the baby Christ was born on Christmas Day; a baby so wonderful and so beautiful, who grew up to be a man so wise, so good, so patient and sweet, that every year, the people who know about him love him better and better, and are more and more glad when his birthday comes again. You see that he must have been very good and wonderful; for people have always remembered his birthday, and kept it lovingly for nineteen hundred years.

He was born, long years ago, in a land far, far across the sea.

Before the baby Christ was born, Mary, his mother, had to make a long journey with her husband, Joseph. They made this journey to be taxed, counted; for in those days this could not be done in the town where people happened to live, but they must be numbered in the place where they were born.

In that far-off time, the only way of travelling was on a horse, or a camel, or a good patient donkey. Camels and horses cost a great deal of money, and Mary was poor; so she rode on a quiet, safe donkey, while Joseph walked by her side, leading him and leaning on his stick. Mary was very young and beautiful, I think, but Joseph was a great deal older than she.

People dress nowadays, in those distant countries, just as they did so many years ago, so we know that Mary must have worn a long, thick dress, falling all about her in heavy folds, and that she had a soft white veil over her head and neck, and across her face. Mary lived in Nazareth, and the journey they were making was to Bethlehem, many miles away.

They were a long time travelling. I am sure; for donkeys are slow, though they are careful, and Mary must have been very tired before they came to the end of their journey.

They had travelled all day, and it was almost dark when they came near to Bethlehem, to the town where the baby Christ was to be born. There was the place they were to stay—a kind of inn, or lodging-house, but not at all like those you know about.

They have them to-day in that far-off country, just as they built them so many years ago.

It was a low, flat-roofed, stone building, with no window and only one large door. There were no nicely-furnished bedrooms inside, and no soft white beds for the tired travellers; there were only little places built into the stones of the wall, something like the berths on steamboats nowadays, and each traveller brought his own bedding. No pretty garden was in front of the inn, for the road ran close to the very door, so that it stood lay upon the doorstep. All around the house, to a high, rocky hill at the back, a heavy stone fence was built, so that the people and the animals inside might be kept safe.

Mary and Joseph could not get very near the inn; for the whole road in front was filled with camels and donkeys and sheep and cows, while a

great many men were going to and fro, taking care of the animals. Some of these people had come to Bethlehem to be counted, as Mary and Joseph had done, and others were staying for the night, on their way to Jerusalem, a large city a little further on.

The yard was filled, too, with camels and sheep; and men were lying on the ground beside them, resting, and watching, and keeping them safe. The inn was so full and the yard was so full of people, that there was no room for anybody else, and the keeper had to take Joseph and Mary through the house and back to the high hill, where they found another place that was used for a stable. This had only a door and a front and deep caves were behind, stretching far into the rocks.

This was the spot where Christ was born. Think how poor a place—but Mary was glad to be there, after all; and when the Christ-child came, he was like other babies, and had so lately come from heaven that he was happy everywhere.

There were mangers all around the cave, where the cattle and sheep were fed and great heaps of hay and straw were lying on the floor. Then, I think, there were brown-eyed cows and oxen there, and quiet, woolly sheep, and perhaps even some dogs that had come in to take care of the sheep.

And there in the cave, by and by, the wonderful baby came, and they wrapped him up and laid him in a manger.

All the stars in the sky shone brightly that night, for they knew the Christ-child was born, and the angels in heaven sang together for joy. The angels knew about the lovely child, and were glad that he had come to help the people on earth to be good.

There lay the beautiful baby, with a manger for his bed, and oxen and sheep all sleeping quietly round him. His mother watched him and loved him, and by and by many people came to see him, for they had heard that a wonderful child was to be born in Bethlehem. All the people in the inn visited him, and even the shepherds left their flocks in the fields and sought the child and his mother.

But the baby was very tiny, and could not talk any more than any other tiny child, so he lay in his mother's lap, in the manger, and only looked at the people. So after they had seen him and loved him, they went away again.

After a time, when the baby had grown larger, Mary took him back to Nazareth, and there he lived and grew up.

And he grew to be such a sweet, wise, loving boy, such a tender, helpful man, and he said so many good and beautiful things, that every one loved him who knew him. Many of the things he said are in the Bible, you know, and a great many beautiful stories of the things he used to do while he was on earth.

He loved little children like you very much, and often used to take them up in his arms and talk to them.

And this is the reason we love Christmas Day so much, and try to make everybody happy when it comes around each year. This is the reason: Because Christ, who was born on Christmas Day, has helped us all to be good so many, many times, and because he was the best Christmas present the great world ever had.

A PLEA FOR SANTA CLAUS

BY ETHEL CLARK BICKEL.

Much has been said in the last few years for and against allowing children to believe in Santa Claus. Primary schools besides Sunday Schools have taken up the subject of whether or not it is right to lead little folks into belief in the dear old saint. The first primary teacher in a certain well known school considers it very wrong and tells every one of her children "the real truth" as she sees it, and they rapidly spread the sad news to all their little friends. The superintendent of the Sunday School in another town is of a similar opinion, and from every Christmas program in his school all allusion to Santa is omitted. No merry songs of mysterious sleigh bells are heard there, no little red reindeer, no tiny stockings ever decorated the stage for festivities in connection with that Sunday School.

I wonder how the readers of these columns feel on this subject? I for one am heartily in favor of Santa Claus. In my childhood, I happened to be one of a family of six children, and we were all told of "Santy" when we were scarcely out of babyhood. The happiness of Christmas time in our home will always be a cherished memory, and it was the "Santy" part of it that made it so joyous, for our gifts were never costly, in fact, compared with the toys that little folks receive nowadays, they were almost insignificant.

As for the "terrible disillusionment" that is so often suggested as the natural outcome of telling children of Santa Claus, we never suffered any such misfortune. As we grew older, and began to question, our mother explained to us very beautifully the real meaning of the dear old saint. "Santa Claus is the spirit of Christmas, somewhat as Jack Frost is the spirit of cold and frost," she told us. "Santa is the soul of good cheer and merriment, the spirit of loving and giving." Very easily she made us understand why we had been led to believe in him

People whose birthdays fall on Christmas Day are supposed to be lucky all their lives.

A Child's Song of Christmas.

My counterpane is soft as silk,
My blankets white as creamy milk,
The hay was soft to Him, I know,
Our little Lord of long ago.

Above the roof the pigeons fly
In silver wheels across the sky.
The stable-doves, they cooed to them
Mary and Christ in Bethlehem.

Bright shines the sun across the drifts,
And bright upon my Christmas gifts,
They brought Him incense, myrrh and gold,
Our little Lord who lived of old.

O, soft and clear our mother sings
Of Christmas joys and Christmas things,
God's holy angels sang to them,
Mary and Christ in Bethlehem.

Our hearts they hold all Christmas dear,
And earth seems sweet and heaven seems near.
Oh, heaven was in His sight, I know,
That little Child of long ago.

—Marjorie L. C. Pickthall.

Scrapbook Sets.

For the small members of families whom I am to remember at Christmas-time I am making some rather unique gifts. I have saved, pressed and cut into sheets, twelve by twenty inches, all the heavy wrapping paper that has come to the house the past few months. Then I made gingham-covered cardboard covers for each book. Through the centre of the cover on the inside I stitched a piece of heavy khaki cloth one inch wide, making my stitching come exactly in the centre of both strip and book cover to reinforce my binding. With an ice pick for a punch, I made three holes through one cover and strip, spacing them properly to accommodate the fasteners. I allowed fifteen sheets to a book, fastening them with paper fasteners, with the points on the inside of the book. This makes thirty pages to a book.

With this box will go a small box of crayolas, a small pair of kinder-



Song for Christmas.

Chant me a rhyme for Christmas—
Sing me a joyful song—
And though it is filled with laughter,
Let it be pure and strong.

Sing of the hearts brimmed over
With the story of the day—
And the echo of childish voices
That will not die away.

Of the blare of tasseled bugles,
And the timeless clatter and beat
Of the drum that throbs the muster
Of squadrons of scampering feet.

And oh! let your voice fall fainter
Till blent with a minor tone
You temper your song with the beauty
Of the pity Christ hath shown.

And sing one verse for the voiceless,
And yet ere the song be done
The verse for the ears that hear not
And a verse for the sightless one.

For though it be time for singing
A merry Christmas glee,
Let a low sweet voice of pathos
Run through the melody.

—Jas. Whitcomb Riley.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

When You Use a Thermometer They Can Not Fail.

BY ANNA COYLE.

Probably the most important factor in candy making is the time at which it is taken from the stove. The question so important to decide is when has it reached the soft ball stage? The candy thermometer decides this question with accuracy and insures uniform fudge of creamy texture, not just once in a while but every time.

CHRISTMAS FUDGE.

Two c. sugar, 1 c. milk, 2 tbs. corn syrup, 2 squares chocolate, 2 tbs. butter, ½ tsp. vanilla.

Put the sugar, milk and corn syrup into a saucepan and cook slowly, stirring often to prevent scorching. Cut the chocolate in small pieces and stir into the candy mixture when almost done. Continue cooking, stirring frequently, until the necessary temperature of 236 deg. F. is reached.

Remove from the stove, add butter and vanilla and set aside to cool without stirring.

When the fudge has cooled to a temperature of 110 deg. F. or lukewarm, beat until the fudge has lost its sticky consistency and shiny appearance. One-half cup of black walnuts, English walnuts or pecans may be added just before the beating is finished.

Pour out in greased pan or platter to cool. The mass should be from one-half to an inch thick, creamy and fine grained and not too smooth or glossy on top.

TAFFY APPLES.

Two c. sugar, ½ c. corn syrup, 1 c. wafer, few drops red coloring, 1 doz. apples, 1 doz. skewers, few drops cinnamon flavoring.

Select bright red apples of uniform size, wash and dry. Insert the skewer in the blossom end. Put the sugar, corn syrup and water in a saucepan and cook, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking without stirring until a temperature of 300 deg. F. is reached. Sugar crystals that form on the side of the pan during cooking may be washed off with a small piece of cloth tied to the tines

of a fork and dipped in water. Remove from the fire and place in a pan of hot water to prevent cooling while dipping the apples.

Add coloring and flavoring. Hold the apple by the skewers and dip quickly into the hot syrup. Take it out at once and twirl it until the entire apple is covered.

Stand the apples in a rack or some device in order that they may cool with an even covering of candy.

These apples will not keep long as the apple, slightly cooked by the hot syrup, discolors and dissolves the coating.

Skewers for this purpose may usually be bought at the butchers.

MOLASSES TAFFY.

One c. white sugar, 1 c. brown sugar, 2 c. molasses, ¾ c. water, 3 tbs. butter, ¼ tsp. soda, ¼ tsp. salt.

Put the sugar, molasses and water in a saucepan and cook slowly, stirring frequently. Cook to a temperature of 265 deg. F. Remove from the fire, add soda and salt and stir. Pour into a greased pan and let stand until cool enough to handle.

Pull until quite firm and of a light creamy color. Cut into pieces and wrap in oiled paper.

FRUIT-AND-NUT CONFECTION.

Not everyone can eat or cares for sugar candy. For these and for children, this fruit-and-nut confection is a perfect substitute.

Chop fine—chopping is better than grinding—figs, dates, citron, stoned or seedless raisins, a little lemon and orange peel, English and black walnuts, almonds, pecans. Use these ingredients in any preferred proportion—some like more nuts, less figs, more or less peel and so on. Pecans are not best for this mixture. Moisten to taste with lemon and orange juice. Mix thoroughly. Shape in balls or "croquettes" and roll in confectioner's sugar. Or, pack hard into a shallow pan and cut in slices. Serve on plate or wrap individual pieces in wax paper.



THE CRACKER FAIRY

A Charming Little Christmas Story for the Children to Read

Once upon a time there lived a little girl whose name was Peggy. She was a dear little girl, and everybody loved her. Her father and mother were not very rich, and they lived in a wee cottage that stood a long way from any other house.

So it was not often that Peggy had playmates. She was only six years old, and not nearly big enough to walk to the school which was three miles away.

On Saturdays Peggy went to town in father's cart. While he was busy in the market, friends of Peggy's would take her to see the shops, or to have tea in their homes.

THE FAIRY'S PLEA.

Now it was getting near Christmas, and, every Saturday, Peggy's first thought on reaching town was the shop in which beautiful Christmas things were being shown. In the bottom corner of the window stood a wonderful box of crackers. Great big, big crackers, which had fairies and goblins made of crinkly paper stuck on the outside.

Peggy longed to have just one of those crackers.

"Please, how much is the box of crackers—that big box in the corner there?" said the little girl to the shopman one Saturday.

"Two dollars and a half, my dear," said the shopman.

Peggy's face grew sad. As she turned away, the man said that he would sell her just one for a quarter. Peggy hurried off to find her father.

Yes, father was quite willing to give his Peggy a quarter. How happily she sped back to the shop! The little friends who were with her could hardly keep up with her fleet steps.

And how they looked at each cracker! How hard it was for Peggy to make up her mind which she would have! One wee fairy in a white crinkly dress seemed to say:

"Buy me, little girl—do buy me!"

ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON.

So Peggy bought her. Carefully she carried her parcel to the cart. And carefully she nursed it all the way home. Mother wondered what her little girl had, so carefully did the child walk into the cottage.

Christmas Day came along. Father Christmas brought Peggy some presents, but not the one present she wanted most of all—a baby brother or sister to play with!

It was lonely without anyone small to play with. Father often crawled on the floor, and pretended he was a lion or an elephant; but, still, it wasn't the same as having a real boy or girl to pretend all sorts of lovely things with.

On Christmas afternoon Peggy took out her cracker. It was so beautiful that she felt she could not bear to pull it with father. She drew her wee chair up to the fire and nursed the cracker on her lap. She fell asleep and in her sleep managed to loosen the crinkly fairy.

How pleased the fairy was, to be

sure! She danced and danced all over Peggy, and awakened her.

"Fairy, little fairy, have you come alive?" asked Peggy, in great excitement.

"I have been alive all the time, but I was a prisoner under a spell until you set me free. Now my power has returned, and I am a magic being once more. What can I do for you to show my thankfulness?"

THE WONDERFUL WEDDING.

"Stay and play with me for a while," said Peggy.

"I will do more than that. I will summon my fairy subjects to play here as well!" And the fairy waved her wee arms and said magic words. And through the keyhole of the door and down the chimney, came dozens and dozens of fairies. They crowded round their Queen, crying:

"Dear Queen, we have found you at last!"

"I should still be a prisoner on that cracker if Peggy had not set me free. What shall we do for her?" asked the Queen.

"Let her see your wedding. We will fetch his Majesty, and the wedding can take place here at once!" the fairies said.

The Queen thought this a splendid idea. And so it came about that a fairy wedding was held in the cottage on a Christmas afternoon. A naughty goblin who loved the Queen dearly had stolen her, and because she would not marry him he had carried her into a big factory where crackers are made and stuck her on to a cracker when the girl who was making it turned her head for a minute.

And the sweet elf who was to have married the Queen had nearly died of grief when he found that she had disappeared. But now the fairies soon brought him along, and many of his subjects also, for he was a King.

The elves made a great fuss as they cleared the cottage table, and laid a silken mat and silken cushions upon it. When all was ready, one elf went to the keyhole and gave a long, low whistle. An owl came flying down the chimney. He settled himself on the table.

Then the elf led the fairy to the owl, and he solemnly married them. Peggy had hard work not to laugh, because the owl wore big spectacles which kept on coming off his funny beak, and some of the elves tripped right out. But the owl took no notice.

After the fairies and elves danced, the owl sat and blinked, the King and Queen held each other's hands. Then, with a "Good-bye, kind, kind Peggy!" they all flew up the chimney.

"I expect that the Queen has gone to her palace to change her frock. Fancy being married in a paper frock, mother!" cried Peggy.

For nights and nights Peggy dreamed of the fairies. I expect the fairies really came and whispered the dreams in her ears, so thankful were they that she had set their Queen free.

The First Christmas.

Like small curled feathers white and soft,

The little clouds went by,
Across the moon, and past the stars,
And down the western sky.

In upland pastures, where the grass
With frosted dew was white,
Like snowy clouds, the young sheep lay

That first blest Christmas night.

The shepherds slept, and glimmering faint,

With twist of thin blue smoke,
Only their fire's crackling flames

The tender silence broke,
Save when a young lamb raised his head,

Or, when the night wind blew,
A nestling bird would softly stir,
Where dusky olives grew.

With finger on her solemn lip
Night hushed the shady earth.

And only stars and angels saw
The little Saviour's birth.

Then came such flash of silver light
Across the bending skies,
The wondering shepherds woke and hid

Their frightened, dazzled eyes.

But all their gentle, sleepy flock
Looked up, then slept again,
Nor knew the light that dimmed the stars

Brought endless peace to men;
Nor even heard the gracious words
That dawned the ages ring;

"The Christ is born, the Lord has come,
Good will on earth to bring!"

Then o'er the moonlit, misty fields,
Dumb with the world's great joy,
The shepherds sought the white-walled town.

Where lay the baby boy,
And, oh, the gladness of the world,
The glory of the skies,
Because the longed-for Christ had smiled

In Mary's happy eyes!

—Margaret DeLand.

A Happy Christmas to All.

Ye Christmaside hath come again,
Ye joyful time of all ye years;
God rest you, merry gentlemen,
And bring you health and all good cheer.

Christmas crackers originated in France over seventy years ago.

Plowing Match.

The old time student plowing match was revived by the Agronomy Club of the O.A.C. and a competition staged on Saturday afternoon, October 25th.

This event took the form of an inter-year competition, four classmen from each year participating. The scoring was done under the rules of the Ontario Plowmen's Association by a board of three judges. The aggregate of the four men from each class made up the year total.

Freshmen class score 276 points out of a possible 400.

Sophomore class score 276 points out of a possible 400.

Junior class score 270 points out of a possible 400.

Senior class score 250 points out of a possible 400.

Best plowman—Sophomore A. Patterson, score 87½ points.

Second best plowman—Freshman A. Nichol, 81½ points.

Third best plowman—Sophomore W. Tolton, 80 points.

Dr. Zavitz, Professor W. R. Graham and F. L. Ferguson formed the board of judges.

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Burnbrae News

Bill Home and Alex Linn returned home from Toronto with the carload of Ayrshire cattle last Thursday from the Winter Fair. They were well pleased with their success.

Mrs. Eagleson and Mrs. Thompson were visiting Mrs. Geo. Third, Campbellford last week who has recently returned from a five months' trip to the coast.

Miss Nellie Bennett from Peterboro Normal was home over the week-end.

Mrs. T. J. Ketcheson left last week for Toronto.

Misses Harriet Little and Myrtle Forde returned home last Saturday from a three months' trip west.

Miss Freda Hay spent a few days last week with Miss Luella Grills.

Miss Eloise Watson, Belleville was home over the week-end.

Mrs. Wm. Rennie is staying with her

daughter, Mrs. Roy Walker who is ill with pneumonia.

Minto News

Mr. Murney Johnston spent Sunday with Mr. Fred Kingston.

Miss Annie Morgan spent Sunday in Allan's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Green visited Mr. Paul Sharp on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bateman of Amherst Island are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and family spent Sunday with Mr. C. McMaster.

Mr. Charles Morgan visited Mr. M. Anderson on Sunday.

Miss Annie Morgan spent Monday evening with Miss Beatrice Hogle.

Mrs. W. J. Tanner spent Tuesday with Mrs. Hogle.

Mrs. C. Sweet visited Mrs. Fred Cook

on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Jack Courtney, his mother, Mrs. W. J. Tanner and Mrs. Hogle spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bateman.

Miss Annie Morgan has returned home from visiting friends in Springbrook.

Miss Beatrice Hogle has returned home after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grills, Campbellford.

Mr. Philip Vance spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bateman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bateman of Springbrook spent Friday evening with Mr. George McMaster's.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMaster and family also Mr. J. Reynolds motored to Malone to visit Mrs. McMaster's sister, Mrs. J. Nickel on Sunday.

Mr. Cecil Sine spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sine.

Revel Services are being held a Salem and will continue next week.

Raising Ducks.

After hatching, in about one day's time, place before them bread and milk mixed together, and a pan of sand and water. Be sure your ducklings get sand and water at starting. Ducks will thrive if water is before them all the time. It is their nature to want water. After a few days on bread and milk add bran or fine corn meal or fine cracked corn to the bread and milk. Always use milk to mix duck feed.

As the ducks grow older feed cracked corn and wheat. At younger age corn bread and milk is good for a change in feed. Let the ducks have green feed also. If you do not want them out of pens gather green feed yourself for them. Do not keep ducks shut up except at night. Let them in the creek and watch them to keep crows away. Be careful of turtles in creeks also.

When ducks are nearly feathered out feed whole corn mixed with some cracked corn. Then at last whole corn and wheat altogether. They will not want to eat it at first, but do not feed them too much and they'll eat it. Feed ducks three times a day, like ourselves.

Keep their drinking water as clean as possible. They want water right beside them when they eat. Ducks can swim in a few weeks if you stay and watch them, allowing them to be in water only a few minutes. Do not let ducks sleep in a muddy or damp pen.

To a considerable extent, on the ram and his condition depend the quality, condition and vitality of the lamb crop. Everything possible should be done to maintain his thrift at the highest point, especially during the breeding season.

There might be an excuse for using an inferior sow if you already have her on the place, but we can not think of one single excuse for ever using an inferior sire.

Until breeders mate animals whose factors determining producing ability are known to be for high production only, they are going to get many low and medium producers from parents that are from high producing ancestry.

FIGHT THE CORN BORER

How to Deal With This Very Troublesome Pest

Plough the Field Thoroughly—Leave Stubble and All Other Remnants Buried—Grow Dent Corn Instead of Flint—Try a Trap Crop.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

The methods of control are simple, inexpensive and not contrary to good farm practices, says Prof. L. Caesar of the Department of Entomology, Ontario Agricultural College. To get a clear idea of this pest it is necessary to keep in mind that the borers winter over and remain until the end of May in any part of the corn plant above ground large enough to conceal them. Hence they will be found in the stalks, stubble, cobs, or any remnants of the crop left in the field or elsewhere. They will also be to some extent in stout weeds growing among the corn. Control measures, therefore, consist mainly in so treating these that the borers will be destroyed. If there is a silo this is easy, for all that is necessary then is to cut the crop low, ensile it, plough the stubble under completely and not drag it up again when cultivating. The cutting knives and fermentation kill all the borers that go into the silo, and the ploughing destroys all left in the field, provided everything is kept beneath the surface.

Plough the Field Thoroughly.

If there is no silo, or if the silo will not hold all the corn, the task is sometimes a little harder. In such cases the field must be thoroughly ploughed after the crop has been removed. In addition some method must be practiced of disposing of the stalks and ears or cobs. The best plan is to run all of them through a cutting-box or shredder, feed the cattle all they will eat, throw the remainder into the manure and haul this out and plough it under before the end of May. If for any reason the stalks are fed whole, the uneaten portion should not be thrown out into the manure, but should be kept separate and drawn out and burned. It is better, to burn the remnants than to plough them under, because it is hard to cover them completely with the plough. The great point to keep in mind is that no stalks, pieces of stalks or even cobs should be left above ground in the field or along fences or in the barn or the barnyard or anywhere else. Moreover, all burning or ploughing must be completed by the end of May, for otherwise the borers will change into moths, fly around, and lay their eggs. (The moths appear in June and July).

Leave Stubble and Other Remnants Buried.

Ploughing down of the stubble and other corn remnants plays a great part in the control of the borers, but to be effective what is ploughed under must not be dragged up again when cultivating the field, but must be left buried. If they are dragged up many borers will escape destruction. An example of this occurred this year in a field in Elgin County, where much of the ploughed stubble was dragged up by a toothed cultivator. In this field over 10,000 living borers were found. If the stubble had been left covered almost every borer would have perished. Hence the cultivation of the field should not be done with a toothed implement but with a disc, and a disc drill, if possible, used in sowing. Should, however, some of the stubble be brought up it will pay well, and will not take much time to pick and burn it.

The ploughing should be done with a wide-burrow plough, and should be to a depth of at least six inches. It may be done either in the fall or the spring, but if in the fall the earlier the better.

Often the stubble cannot be covered completely unless it is first rolled or disced, or both rolled and disced, or in some cases unless a split log or leveller is run over it to break it off or loosen or pull it apart. This is especially true when the corn has been planted in hills or has been cut high or beaten down by storms.

Grow Dent Corn and Not Flint.

In the parts of the county where the borers are numerous it will be advisable for a time to grow dent corn instead of flint, because it is stouter and so withstands attacks better.

A Trap Crop Will Be of Benefit.

It will also help greatly in such places if a trap crop of flint—for example, Smutnose—consisting of about a dozen rows is planted about the middle of May and the planting of the main crop postponed until June 1st or as late as possible without running any risk. The moths then will lay their eggs chiefly on the early corn and leave the main crop largely uninfested. The trap rows should be cut low in August and fed to the cattle and the borers present thus destroyed.

The above measures involve only a small amount of extra work for any farmer. The corn crop is increased this, and therefore we hope that each farmer will gladly do his part and encourage his neighbor to do likewise. Now that control measures have been discovered and made possible the problem of saving the industry lies with the farmers themselves.

When horses went out of fashion in some parts of the country, they took horse sense with them.

It isn't always necessary to rebuild a farm home to make it more attractive. Paint and shrubbery will work wonders.

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WATER IN FARM HOUSES

Hints About Installing In the Rural Household

The Compression System—What You May Enjoy With This Method—The Agricultural College Will Help You—Raising Ducks.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

There are two main sources of farm water supply, namely, well and spring (both hard water) and rain water (soft). Anyone thinking of installing a modern water system and plumbing in his home should make sure that his water supply is both plentiful and safely protected from all possible sources of contamination. Much more water will be used daily under modern than under old conditions of service, about 30 gallons per person per day.

The College Will Help You.

Ask the O. A. College to assist you in solving the following problems in this matter of water supply:—

1. How to increase the well and spring supplies of water.

2. How to safeguard these supplies from surface contamination.

3. How to make more use of the rain water supply.

4. How to get that fine spring water running through your house and stables by installing the hydraulic ram near the spring.

Pumping and carrying water by hand is too expensive at modern rates of wages, is very inconvenient, and is wasteful of time and energy. No one likes the job. It is rapidly going out of date wherever people are getting acquainted with the more modern pumping and supply systems.

The Compression System.

The Compression System is the most popular one to-day. The idea is this: The hard or soft water, as the case may be, is pumped into a large strong air-tight metal tank to about two-thirds full. The water compresses the original air in the tank and thereby produces sufficient pressure to force the water out of the tank through a pipe line that connects to the sinks, closet, bathtub, etc., in the house. The pump may be driven by hand, gasoline engine, windmill or electric motor or any available power. The last named means is the preferable one because the pumping is carried on automatically, is quiet in operation, economical of space, and a fresh water line that supplies water direct from the well for drinking purposes may be installed. The style and size of the pump required depends on whether the well is shallow or deep. The size of the tank depends on the amount of water required about the place. An outfit large enough for the ordinary-sized family or household costs about \$175.00, piping, connecting system to well and to the various fixtures in the house, being extra.

What You May Enjoy With This System.

1. Have complete plumbing system in your home. That means hard and soft water on tap in the kitchen, bath (tub or shower or both), and an indoor sanitary water closet, which will

dispense with the outside privy. These conveniences stand for comfort, convenience, saving of labor and time, better health and greater efficiency or fitness for work and enjoyment.

2. Lawn and garden water service to keep home surroundings attractive.

3. Water under pressure is very useful and convenient for washing the automobile, washing outside of windows, cleaning floors in cellar or stables, putting out fires if reached in time.

4. No longer any need to pump and carry water. Another burden is rolled away.

Difficult makes of this system are on exhibition in the Physics Building, O. A. College, Guelph. They are properly set up and in good working order. Drop in and see them work and get more information about them.—R. R. Graham, Physics Dept., O. A. College, Guelph.

Ivanhoe

Owing to someone's good planning Ivanhoe subscribers are getting their News-Argus in much better time. It arrives now on Friday and formerly it did not reach us till Saturday or Monday. We all appreciate the service.

Miss Lillian Mitz of Peterboro Normal spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Will Duggan of Peterboro spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wood of town and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ashley of West Huntingdon were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wood.

Our young people are preparing their program for a Christmas entertainment.

The pastor, Rev. E. M. Cooke gave some splendid echoes from the Centenary Celebration at the service here on Sunday evening.

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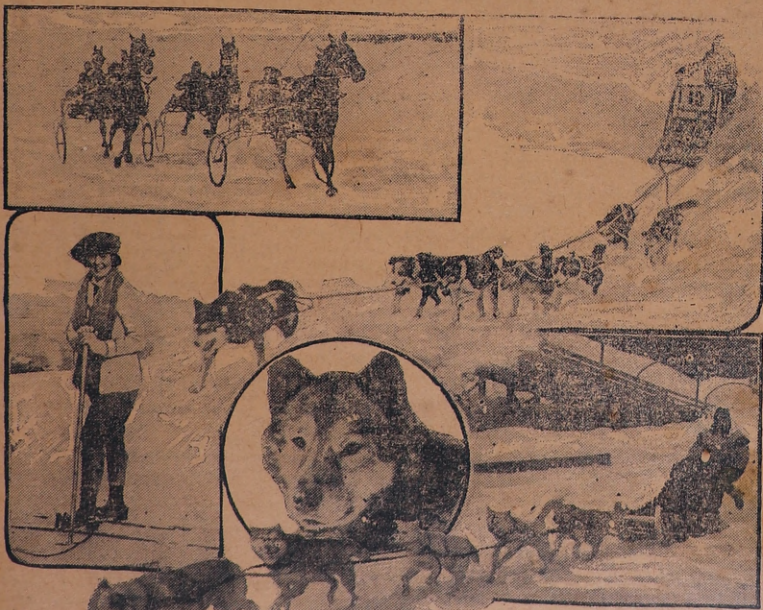
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International Dog Sled Derby



In and around Quebec. Top left—Trotting on Exhibition Grounds. Right—Earl Brydges huskies, winners of last year's derby, nearing the post. Left—A fair skidding enthusiast. Below—The Chateau Frontenac dog team with "Mountain," famous north-west husky leader inset.

In a guide to "The City of Quebec" one reads that among other things Quebec is celebrated for its horse races, which for more than a century were organized and kept going by the wealthy officers of the British crack regiments stationed there on garrison duty, and that the organization of the Quebec Turf Club dates back to 1759. Horse racing is still a seasonal attraction to the Ancient City. The Fall meet all over the continent, and has done for years, but the trotting races that take place when the snow is packed hard on the course. Then there are horses he knows and really belong to him. Horses from "away back", perhaps.

One has only to attend a trotting meet in Quebec to know just how much of the true sporting spirit is inherent in the French-Canadian. It is not always the ferocious as the trotting mags near the post. Racing is tame, and wave their arms for its encouragement, and good horse, anyway.

It is perhaps the enthusiasm for the race shown by the people of Quebec that is responsible for the continuance of the Eastern International Dog-Sled Derby,

held annually in that city. The Derby is supported by winter sportsmen from all over the continent, and which snow falls to stay for the season; but without the support of the people of Quebec the event could not be the great success it is. On the three days for which the Derby is scheduled, everyone who can do so takes a holiday and gets as close to the starters' stand as possible for the crowd, and when the dogs come Chateau as it is Jean Baptiste of Quebec who cheers them in.

This season's Eastern International Dog-Sled Derby has been definitely scheduled to take place February 19, 20 and 21st. As in former years the distance to be covered will be 120 miles, at the rate of 40 miles more or less each day. Earl Brydges, winner of last year's Derby with the Ontario Paper Company's team, will defend his honors in the face of much competition. An American team won the gold trophy in 1922, and it is expected that several teams will try to regain it for the United States. Possibly fifteen or more teams will try to keep it from going across the border, including one of five Alaskan huskies which is being entered by two McGill students. This is headed "Dan Jo" which led three teams to victory in sweepstakes in the Yukon district last year.

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Exception to Ruling of Minister of
Customs and Excise

"On to Ottawa," a slogan of the Temperance forces since the Plebiscite in October is being applied by the Hastings Prohibition Union. At a meeting of the West Hastings Prohibition Union held in Belleville last Thursday afternoon, the following resolution which was presented by Rev. N. S. McKechnie of Belleville and seconded by W. H. Nobes of Sidney was carried unanimously.

Whereas, licenses to manufacture alcoholic beverages within the province of Ontario have recently been granted by the Dept. of Customs and Excise of the Dominion of Canada without consultation with the Government of the Province of Ontario and, whereas, the Minister of Customs and Excise, Hon. Jacques Bureau has recently declared, according to press reports, that in the case of export shipments, by water of alcoholic liquors the Dept. of Customs and Excise has no concern with the suitability of the carrier vessel to take the shipment to its declared destination and whereas, the above act and decision tend to greatly increase the difficulties of enforcing tend to greatly increase the difficulties of enforcing the laws of this province under the Ontario Temperance Act.

Be it therefore resolved: That we, the members of the West Hastings Prohibition Union, Assembled in Belleville, Ont. this fifth day of December 1924 do hereby place on record our deep conviction:

First: That so far as the control and regulation of the manufacture and handling of spirituous liquors come under the control of the Federal Government of Canada, it is the duty of the said Government to respect the will and the sentiment of those provinces of Canada which have passed, or may hereafter pass, Prohibitory laws respecting the liquor traffic.

Second: That the acts and decisions of the Dept. of Customs and Excise as recorded in the preamble to this resolution do seriously thwart the will of a large majority of the people of Ontario.

Third: That while Hon. Jacques Bureau Minister of Customs expresses willingness to assume full responsibility for the above acts and decisions, these matters warrant the consideration and decision of the Government of Canada as such, as the said Government must finally accept the responsibility for the decisions of all its Ministers and Departments.

And it is hereby ordered that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Rt. Hon. W. L. M. King, Premier of Canada, to Hon. Jacques Bureau, to Hon. G. Howard Ferguson and to Mr. C. E. Hanna, member-elect for West Hastings.

JUDGING TEAM AT OTTAWA

Hastings County Judging Team stood fifth in a total of ten teams that competed at the Ottawa Winter Fair last week. Carleton County carried off the honors with a total of 2348 points, while Hastings received 2123 points. Clayton Wright was the "high man" in the Hastings team ranking eighth in a field of 30 men. Edward Dracup was third in Dairy cattle. Clayton Wright was third and R. Williams fifth in Beef cattle.

Mr. Luery Addresses St. Andrew's Guild

The regular meeting of the Guild of St. Andrew's church took place on Monday evening under the leadership of Miss Eva Green. Miss Stella Marshall was in the chair and Miss Hilda Anderson took the scripture reading. A brief but interesting discussion took place on the subject matter of the text, followed by prayer by Miss Green.

Miss Nellie Tulloch rendered a piano solo, following which short accounts of three hymns were read by Misses George Green, Ruth Gibson and Margaret Wood. The main topic of the evening, "David Livingston's great service to Racial Goodwill," was then dealt with in a very interesting and able manner by Mr. George Luery. In summing up Mr. Luery said "Love of humanity is what is needed in the world to-day. Leagues of nations will accomplish nothing unless those in conference have the love of humanity in their hearts. We still have slavery to contend against, traffic in drink, opium, etc., and a public sentiment against these evils is the best way of doing away with them."

Young Farmers Get Course on Swine

Mr. Ray Atkin and nine boys from the County left for Toronto yesterday morning to attend a three-day educational course in swine. Those in the party were: Kenneth Thompson, Springfield, Chas. Fargy, Stirling, Elmer Wilson, West Huntingdon, Elmer Wood, Crookston, Garance Bird, Holloway, Granville Meiklejohn, Bonarlaw, Wilfred Spencer, Bonarlaw, Reginald Reid, Crookston, and Frank Hodgins, Latta.

The party will spend the time at the Union Stock Yards where they will be given lectures and demonstrations in feeding swine and preparing bacon for market.

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Standing of Pupils Month of November

Report of Senior Classes Stirling Public
School in Order of Merit

THIRD CLASS—Isobel Marlow 79, Gerald Irvine 76, Dorothy Joblin 75, Winifred Ward 75, Vernon Eggleton 74, Ella Kingston 73, George Tulloch 69, Helen Montgomery 68, James Moore 68, Beecher Barrett 67, Pearl Reid 64, Bertha Cranston 63, Harry Meiklejohn 61, Donald Morton 61, Harold Alcombrac 60.

FOURTH CLASS—Florence Faires 88, Louie Faires 86, Patricia Shea 83, Pauline Bailey 80, Helen Bailey 74, Ivan Martin 70, Bernice Belehaw 69, Lorne Anderson 68, Floyd Gould 68, Harry Cooke 66, Caleb Marshall 64, Muriel McKee 64, Grace McKee 62, Jessie Shadbolt 61, Marie Geary 60, Jack Bailey 56, Ralph Barrett 53.

Returning Officer Issues Final Report

Hanna's official majority in the recent by-election was 412 and he was officially declared elected.

Mr. Walter C. Boardman returning officer in the recent by-election has officially declared Mr. Chas. E. Hanna elected for the House of Commons to represent West Hastings, the official majority being 412.

The following is a summary of the vote by municipalities.

The first column is the total vote cast for Hanna in the afore named place, the second column for Porter, and the third and fourth columns are the majorities for Hanna and Porter.

Belleville	3370	2748	622
Sidney	902	820	78
Frankford	241	270	38
Trenton	1395	1287	108
Huntington	221	279	291
Faraday	207	84	123
Wollaston	108	167	1
Herschell	106	46	120
Bancroft	189	176	13
Manora Vil.	180	286	106
Marm. & Lake	255	280	25
Bangor, Wicklow	212	78	134
Rawdon	534	700	175
Stirling	232	297	65
Deloro	43	125	82
	8315	7903	1194
Majority for Hanna			412
Total Vote Cast			16,218

Regular Meeting of Epworth League

The meeting of the Epworth League on Monday evening was conducted by Miss Gladys Joblin, leader of the Missionary department.

The programme consisted of an instrumental by Geneva Wright, a recitation by Margaret Walt, and a song by Dorothy Joblin. Mrs. Barrett gave the Missionary topic, which was taken from the study book entitled "The Clash of Colour." The chapter discussed deals with the clash between the white and yellow races.

Mr. Halpeny announced the Missionary fund to be \$151.00 and that an oratorical contest is being planned for white night in February.

Mr. Joblin put on a number of slides showing the condition of the Indian people in Canada.

The contest was put on. The colour count showed an attendance of 71.

When you have made your first home brew on the kitchen range, just pour a little of it on the sink. If it takes the enamel off, pour it all in the sink.

COMING EVENTS

Notices under this head 10 cents a line with a minimum charge 35c each issue

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT—Springbrook Sunday School, Foresters' Hall, Springbrook, on Friday, December 19th. T. J. Thompson, Supt.

THE S. S. OF THE METHODIST Church will present their annual Concert on Christmas night in the Theatre. In addition to songs, drills, etc., by the S.S., Mr. Cameron of Toronto, a splendid cultured entertainer has been secured. Tickets 50c. and 35c.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE Entertainment of St. Mark's Sunday School, Bonarlaw, will be held in the Orange Hall, Springbrook, on Monday, Dec. 22nd. Admission, adults 25c., children 15c.

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Fire Damages New House on Church St.

The fine new bungalow just erected by Reeve C. B. McGuire on Church St. had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire early last Friday morning. When Mr. Isaac McCann, who is employed at Jetty Thompson's bakery was going to work about five o'clock, he noticed that there was a fire just inside the front door. He roused Mr. Thos. Matthews and Dr. Carleton who live next door and then ran to the fire hall and rang the bell. A big crowd soon gathered but Dr. Carleton and Mr. Matthews had managed to get the fire out before any other help was needed. The fire started in a corner of the front hall and burned a good sized hole in the floor, as well as destroying a portion of the door frame. Workmen who had been busy putting the finishing touches on the building the day before stated that they had cleaned the corner out before leaving the building. It seems possible that some oil soaked cloth may have been overlooked inadvertently and became ignited by spontaneous combustion. The damage was not serious and was covered by a builder's insurance policy. It will be a few days longer before Mr. Percy McGuire can move in as a result.

Community Hall to Fore at Union School

An important meeting was held in the Union School, Rawdon and Seymour, on Monday evening. The main purpose was to discuss ways and means of erecting a community hall. Mr. F. C. Hart, of the Markets and Co-operative Branch of the Provincial Government, delivered an address and Mr. Ray Atkin discussed short courses in agriculture. An excellent programme of songs, orchestral music and community singing was provided. About 50 were present and while no decision was reached with respect to the building of a hall, it was decided to hold meetings of an educational nature every Friday during January and February.

St. Andrew's W.M.S. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Rollins on Tuesday afternoon, with a good attendance.

The various reports were optimistic. There were 40 members and one new life member, and the contributions amounted to \$201.78, slightly less than last year.

There were 29 subscribers to the "Messenger."

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary Presidents—Miss Cosbey, Mrs. Robert Reid.

President—Mrs. Alex. Fargy.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. Thos. Donnan.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Jas. Montgomery.

3rd Vice-President—Mrs. Jos. Reid.

Secretary—Mrs. Chas. Bailey.

Treasurer—Mrs. M. W. Sine.

Strangers' Sec.—Mrs. A. Hammond.

"Messenger" Secs.—Mrs. Nolan, Miss Gena Spry.

Supply Secs.—Mrs. Thos. Montgomery, Mrs. Jas. Montgomery, Mrs. B. Reid.

Press Sec.—Miss Hume.

Organists—Miss Hume and Mrs. Nolan.

Flower Committee—Same as Supply Committee.

Mission Band Supervisors—Mrs. Bissonette, Honorary Supervisor; Mrs. Ernest Ward, Mrs. J. M. Magee, Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. Williams, Miss Donnan, Mrs. Rollins.

The retiring President, Mrs. Robert Reid, had the office of Honorary President conferred upon her as a slight token of the Auxiliary's appreciation of her faithful and very efficient service rendered oftentimes under great difficulties. Not many Presidents have the same record of attending all but two meetings in six years of service.

Mrs. Luery gave the key note of the meeting when she conducted the Bible reading on "Love," I John, 4:7-13.

Bonarlaw

When Mr. and Mrs. E. Scrimshaw returned to Bonarlaw, from their honeymoon they were serenaded by a large crowd on Thursday night, November 20th. They were welcomed by a large crowd of friends and relatives, who brought them many useful gifts of china.

Dad wants a Bath Robe. Get it at Ward's.

High School Players Present "Mr. Bob"

Audience that Filled Opera
House Enjoys Play—Parts
Well Taken.

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What a world of camaraderie there is such a simple name as "Bob!" "Mr. Bob" is a vain attempt to make it more formal, to give a touch of dignity to a tree and easy character whom everybody knows. And every one in Stirling knows "Mr. Bob" now. At least everyone of the 300 or more who attended the Stirling High School entertainment last Thursday evening. "Mr. Bob" is not a mere man at all but a charming maiden and adept at athletics and gifted with all the comely graces of the modern girl.

The play was much enjoyed by those who saw it. Charlie Halliwell as Philip Royson, David Lamb as Jenkins and Irene Bailey as Patty were perhaps the brightest stars, but for amateur performers every part was well taken and the S. H. S. Literary Society and Miss Moyer, who directed the play have reason to feel proud of their work.

The following was the cast
Philip Royson Charles Halliwell
Robert Brown, Clerk Benson and
Benson Barton Haggerty.

Jenkins, Miss Rebecca Butler, David Lamb
Rebecca Luke, A maiden lady, Evelyn Tolton

Katherine Rogers, Her niece, Blanche Hadley
Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend
"Mr. Bob" Doris Bailey

Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid Irene Bailey

During the recess between acts the school chorus sang some interesting oldtime melodies in a very creditable fashion. The proceeds netted over one hundred dollars.

Obituary

MRS. ADELIA COOKE

After an illness of several weeks in Belleville hospital, Mrs. Adelia Cooke passed away on Tuesday. Her death was a distinct shock to her friends, as it was thought she was nearing recovery.

Mrs. Cooke was a daughter of the late Peter Martin and had resided in this district all her life. For the past few years she had been employed with Mr. R. P. Cullter. She was highly esteemed and will be deeply mourned by many relatives and friends in Stirling and vicinity.

The funeral will be held from the residence of Mr. James Ralph, Front St., to-morrow afternoon at 2.30. Interment will be made in Stirling Cemetery.

MRS. W. A. VANMEER

Mrs. W. A. VanMeer of Trenton died on Monday afternoon following an illness of three months. The funeral took place on Wednesday to Mt. Evergreen cemetery. Mrs. Dan Derry of Stirling is a daughter.

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Belleville Family Sadly Bereaved

Death of Two Highly Esteemed Daughters of Judge and Mrs. Fraleck, Occur Within Three Days.

Miss Madeleine Fraleck, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Fraleck, Moira street west, died December 8th, in the Belleville General Hospital after an illness of some months. She survived her sister, Jessie, less than three days, and the double bereavement which their parents and the family have been called upon to suffer has come as a great shock to their wide circle of friends.

Separated so little in the time of their deaths, in their burial they will not be divided. Arrangements had been made for the funeral of the late Jessie Fraleck to-day but postponement was made so that a double funeral will take place on Wednesday.

The late Madeleine Fraleck was born in Belleville and spent her life here. She was held in the highest esteem by all classes. For some years she had been assistant deputy county clerk. Miss Fraleck was president of the Women's Canadian Club last year and was widely read in Canadian and English literature and was possessed of rare ability as a literary critic.

Her early death is deeply deplored by members of the club and by all who knew her.

Besides her parents there survive one sister, Miss Helen and one brother, Cecil.—Ontario.

Sidney Young People Meet

A grand rally of all the young people of Sidney township was held at Wallbridge on Tuesday evening. The six Women's Institutes of the township furnished the programme and an excellent lunch. The purpose was to organize for the short courses in agriculture to be held at Wallbridge early in the New Year.

Maple Leaf Mission Band Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Maple Leaf M. Band was held on Mon. Dec. 8th at 4 p.m. The Christmas story and several suitable hymns were read and sung.

The Story of Dick and Mary Louise in the Orient, visiting different Missions of the Canadian Presbyterian Church was continued in the visit to Korea, where many interesting sights and a great many curious habits were seen.

The following Officers were appointed.

President Miss Hume
1st Vice President Onaleigh Vanallen
2nd Vice President, Muriel McKee

Treasurer, Mrs. Nolan

Birthday Treasurer, Winifred Ward

Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Magee

Press Secretary, Mrs. Bissonette

Organists, Thelma Green and Grace McKee.

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Shaving Sets..... 1.00—1.50	Hand Mirrors..... 1.00—1.50
Silk and Wool Mufflers..... 1.50—4.00	Toilet Sets..... 1.50—3.00
New Canes..... 75c—3.00	Handkerchiefs..... 5c—1.50

Ties in Gift Boxes..... 50c—1.50

FOR THE BOY—Santa suggests a Suit, Overcoat, Sweater, Cap, Golf Hose, Shirt, Gloves.

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ANGLO-GERMAN COMMERCIAL TREATY MOST COMPREHENSIVE IN EXISTENCE

A despatch from London says:—Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme, President of the Board of Trade, discussing the terms of the Anglo-German commercial treaty, said that the document was the most comprehensive of any most-favored-nation treaty now existing. It particularly, it is said, more than any trade treaty up to the present time.

The Board of Trade President stated that the question of reparations was outside the treaty, but that Great Britain maintained that the 26 per cent. recovery tax is subject to a revision "provided some alternative method can be produced which has the assent of all the necessary parties and which gives the same amount of cash to the British Government with the same rights of priority."

The speaker added that the British Government was prepared to favorably consider such alternatives.

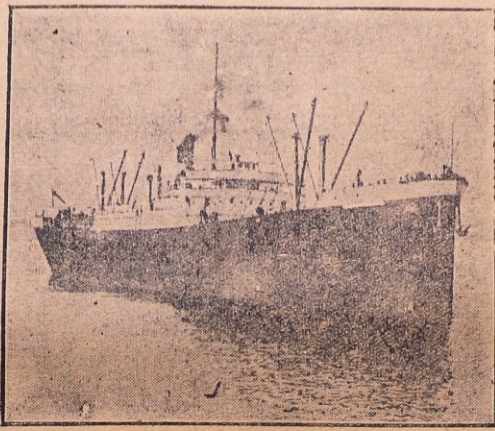
Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme pointed out that the dominions and colonies have the power to adhere to the treaty whenever they wish, and that there is a provision in the agreement that as long as any dominion gives most-favored-nation treatment to Germany, it should have full rights under the treaty for a period of two years. The

right to give preferences under the treaty is maintained intact.

The treaty, he continued, had only been concluded after consultation by the Board of Trade and the Foreign Office with leading shipping and commercial interests and the Federation of British Industries. There was found to be a striking consensus of opinion that such a treaty should be made and it was expected that trade in both countries would be greatly benefited. Germany also would benefit greatly by the removal of discrimination against the employment of Germans, particularly on passenger vessels, which, before the war, employed several thousand Germans as deck hands.

There were a few exceptions made in granting most-favored-nation treatment, it was said, such as where there were already existing agreements with other nations and where Germany had already made trade concessions to other nations under the agreements signed as a result of the war.

Under the treaty, the speaker concluded, Germans and Englishmen were granted mutual rights in respect to person and property in each other's territory. This will now allow the Germans to reopen vast numbers of banks and commercial houses which flourished in London before the war.



C. G. S. CANADIAN PIONEER

Which is alleged to have rammed the Belgian steamer Alexandre in the river Scheldt. The Pioneer was able to proceed to Antwerp under her own steam.

Canada from Coast to Coast

Charlottetown, P.E.I.—Over 50,000 sacks of potatoes containing about 150,000 bushels, were shipped by steamers from this port in one week. Shipments were made to the United States, England and Cuba. In addition large shipments were made to the States by rail. Since October 20, the Potato Growers' Association has sent from the province over 100,000 sacks of potatoes, two-thirds of which were for seed.

Halifax, N.S.—Tourists to the number of 100,000 are estimated to have entered the Province of Nova Scotia during the past season. These people left approximately \$7,500,000 in the province, an increase of 25 per cent. over the previous year. The number of autos entering the province during the tourist season by all gateways was approximately 11,100.

Edmundston, N.B.—A new industry will be in operation here shortly. It is an electrically operated finishing mill, which is being established by Fraser Companies, Limited, to plane and otherwise finish hardwood products of their new mill at Quispisis.

Montreal, Que.—Announcement is made that a local syndicate will undertake at once the construction of possibly the largest apartment building in the British Empire, to be located on one of the best residential streets of the city at a cost of \$3,500,000. The building will be constructed along the lines of the old chateaux of France, will accommodate 135 large apartments, and will be completed by next autumn.

Grimsby, Ont.—Between 40,000 and 50,000 cans of Keiffer pears are being put up daily in the two canning establishments here. Both factories will continue this output for the next month. Much of this fruit is on order for export to Britain.

Winnipeg, Man.—Twenty-four cents

net per pound in Saskatchewan and 24½ cents per pound in Manitoba, net at their stations, was received by farmers of the two provinces for their wool crop marketed through the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers. Up to Nov. 1st, 224,000 pounds of wool had been shipped from the two provinces, representing 871 producers, 815 from Manitoba and 556 from Saskatchewan. There has been a substantial improvement in grading and the net price is 30 p.c. better than in 1923. There is reported an increase in the demand for goods made from Canadian wools.

Regina, Sask.—Canada has sodium sulphate deposits of approximately 100,000,000 tons in its Western provinces and chiefly in Saskatchewan, according to L. H. Cole, of the Mines Branch of the Dominion Government. To date very little development work has been done on these deposits, but Mr. Cole is of the opinion that these deposits will be developed in time to take care of domestic demands.

Edmonton, Alta.—Alberta will have 125 entries at the International Hay and Grain Show at Chicago. One world champion of 1923, Major H. G. L. Strange, wheat, will have entries, but J. W. Biglands, of Lacombe, world's champion oats grower, will not show as his samples unfortunately were damaged by bad weather.

Vancouver, B.C.—Final plans have been completed for the holding in Vancouver of the annual British Columbia Potato Show and Seed Exhibit. The growing of potatoes in this province, both for consumption and seed purposes, has made rapid strides in the past few years and the remarkable fine quality of British Columbia potatoes has been brought about largely as a result of the educative work carried on by this exhibition.

Sir Geoffrey Archer Succeeds Murdered Governor of Sudan

A despatch from London says:—Sir Geoffrey Archer is expected to succeed the late Major-General Sir Lee Stack as Governor-General of the Sudan. His name has been recommended to King Fuad, who, under the agreement of 1899, officially makes such an appointment on the recommendation of a candidate by Great Britain.

The appointment will be made in a few days. Sir Geoffrey is now the Governor and Commander-in-Chief in Uganda. He has been associated with the British possessions in Africa since 1902.

Money Offer of Government Refused by Lady Stack

A despatch from Cairo says:—The newspaper Mokattan states that the British Government offered the widow of Sir Lee Stack, murdered Sirdar of the Egyptian army, £200,000, but that she refused to accept, and asked that the money be distributed among the poor.

Establish Wireless Between Australia and Canada

A despatch from Melbourne, Australia, says:—The Amalgamated Wireless, Ltd., has accepted the Marconi Company's tender for the erection of beam stations to link Australia with Great Britain and Canada by

WHERE FERMENT OF NATIONALISM IS STIRRING NATIVE RACES



The various zones of influence in Northern Africa are shown above. On the west, the Spaniards are yielding ground to the Rif in North Africa, while immediate to the south France is seeking to extend its sphere of in-

fluence in Morocco. The French re-captured Sirte. In Egypt the relation public has a fairly firm foothold in Al-geria, but is confronted with much disaffection and communitarian propa-

ganda in Tunisia. Italy is re-asserting its claim upon Tripoli, having just re-

The Week's Markets

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.77; No. 2 North, \$1.72; No. 3 North, \$1.69; No. 4 North, \$1.57; No. 5 North, \$1.54; No. 6 North, \$1.51; No. 7 North, \$1.48; No. 8 North, \$1.45; No. 9 North, \$1.42; No. 10 North, \$1.39; No. 11 North, \$1.36; No. 12 North, \$1.33; No. 13 North, \$1.30; No. 14 North, \$1.27; No. 15 North, \$1.24; No. 16 North, \$1.21; No. 17 North, \$1.18; No. 18 North, \$1.15; No. 19 North, \$1.12; No. 20 North, \$1.09; No. 21 North, \$1.06; No. 22 North, \$1.03; No. 23 North, \$1.00; No. 24 North, \$0.97; No. 25 North, \$0.94; No. 26 North, \$0.91; No. 27 North, \$0.88; No. 28 North, \$0.85; No. 29 North, \$0.82; No. 30 North, \$0.79; No. 31 North, \$0.76; No. 32 North, \$0.73; No. 33 North, \$0.70; No. 34 North, \$0.67; No. 35 North, \$0.64; No. 36 North, \$0.61; No. 37 North, \$0.58; No. 38 North, \$0.55; No. 39 North, \$0.52; No. 40 North, \$0.49; No. 41 North, \$0.46; No. 42 North, \$0.43; No. 43 North, \$0.40; No. 44 North, \$0.37; No. 45 North, \$0.34; No. 46 North, \$0.31; 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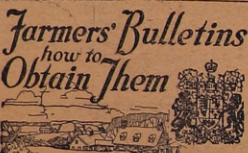
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Why the Chinese Are So Calm.

One of the most noticeable characteristics of the Chinese, says Mr. Nov. O. Winter in Travel, is their passive indifference. They marvel at the nervousness and excitability of foreigners.

"I remember one hot day," says the writer, "when a party of us were crossing the hills in chairs. The way was rough and steep, the work for the coolies severe. At the highest point of our journey we stopped for ten minutes to let the men rest. Instantly they all sat in a row, brought out their pipes and began to laugh among themselves as if they had not a care in the world. In any country that had learned the virtue of forethought they would have devoted the moments to complaining of the heat in order to increase their tip. We, being Europeans, spent the time worrying whether the automobile would be waiting for us at the right place. Well-to-do Chinese would have started a discussion whether the universe moves in cycles or progresses by a rectilinear motion, or they might have set to work to consider whether the truly virtuous man shows complete self-abnegation or may on occasion consider his own interests."

Why are the Chinese so untroubled by circumstances that apparently threaten their national existence? How can they remain calm when dangers threaten from without and from within? They have learned to wait for the fruition of slow natural processes. They will not be hurried, because nature can never be hurried. Haste means only vexation for yourself and accomplishes nothing. In addition to its other discoveries China has discovered the great art of standing still.

"You people of the West are so impatient, so—may I say—immediate. You think in years instead of in centuries. There can be no end to China. What can the conqueror as we call him do? He can make money out of us and for us, and he can rule us for a time, but he cannot absorb us, and we shall absorb him. China may be overrun, but in the end she will be triumphant. We are no doubt the weakest and most unpatriotic of nations, but we are unconquerable." Thus it is that a Chinaman, sitting with his hands hidden in the wide sleeves of his silken coat, discusses in the most impersonal way and without the slightest suggestion of agitation the ills of his country and its possible conquest. He would receive the news of the occupation of Peking by the enemy in the same unagitated manner. Whatever the present may hold for China he feels certain that the future is secure. It is the same spirit that has prevented China from becoming a disturber in the world. Discontent and aggressiveness would have forced another people living such a hampered existence, to seek an opportunity for betterment. Their very numbers would have made them almost irresistible.

First Snow.

First snow is fine snow
Slanting down the wind;
Not a twig will hold it,
Not a shelter mold it,
You'd think to see the way they act,
That purity had sinned.

First snow is thin snow,
The meadow's barely salted;
The brook is so preoccupied
With brittle frost lace at its side
It has no thought beyond itself
And cannot feel exalted.

First snow is lost snow!
Each flake a pioneer
That dances down to certain death,
His span of life a frozen breath
That spins its seconds merrily
Between the Infinite — and Here.

There has never yet been a man in our history who led a life of ease, whose name is worth remembering. —Roosevelt.

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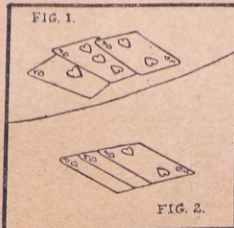
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No. 345

Find The Ace



This trick has the appearance of being a famous feat of sleight of hand but actually it demands no skill. The ace, the two spot and the three spot of any suit are shown and are placed face down on the table, the spectators being asked to keep track of the ace. The magician mixes the cards a little with the result that the most astute spectator is unable to discover which of the cards is the ace.

The cards are prepared. The figure 3, cut from another card from the same suit, is very neatly pasted over the A on one corner of the ace. The part pasted on should be shaved down very thin and colorless paste should be used. In a like manner an A is pasted over the 3 on one end of the three spot.

When the cards are first displayed, show them as in Figure 1, the false play being hidden. Next, close the cards and turn them around, opening again, this time showing the false play, but not the faces of two of the cards (Figure 2). As you turn the cards face downward, draw the three out and put it on the table. As the spectators saw the index of the ace, they take it for granted that this is the ace. The more closely they follow this card, the more they contribute to their own deception. When you pick up the cards, pick them up so that your finger tip hides the false index.

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"And what do you do when your husband objects to your flimsy garments?"
"I object to some of his flimsy excuses."

Winter Bird.

My bird, my darling,
Calling through the cold afternoon!
Those round bright notes,
Each one so perfect
Shaken from the other and yet
Hanging together in flashing clusters!
The small soft flowers and the ripe fruit,
All are gathered.
It is the season now of nuts and berries
And round bright flashing droops
On the frozen grass.

—Katherine Mansfield.

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A Garden of Rubber Flowers.

The art of incorporating color into rubber has resulted in the English invention of indestructible flowers, a display of which was made at the Wembley Exposition. The exhibit consisted of a small garden plot in which the floral display is surrounded with a bit of lawn. Grass, blooms and foliage were all of rubber composition, with an occasional worm and bug lending realism to the scene. The flowers have the advantage over other things of the same character which have been made of fabric in the respect that a dose of water restores their brilliant color after they have been exposed to dust.

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HEALTH EDUCATION

BY DR. J. J. MIDDLETON

Provincial Board of Health, Ontario.

Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

With all the elements of romance, the humble firefly has played his part in the drama of discovery of ultra-violet rays in the prevention and cure of rickets, a disease common in childhood. This insect, as is well known, gives off a cold light, as can be seen on any summer evening in the country where fireflies abound. This light from the firefly is manufactured by the oxidation of a substance in an alkaline medium, producing visible light rays. Would the same chemical action, applied to substances that cure rickets, produce invisible ultra-violet rays? Numerous experiments have proved this to be the case.

Within recent years there have been known two definite ways of curing this disease: the direct application of sunlight, a physical force containing ultra-violet rays, absorbed through the skin, and an oil taken from the liver of a fish, which enters the body through the mouth and digestive tract taken as medicine. At first glance it would seem as if there was little or no connection between radiant energy and cod-liver oil and yet it has been proved that in their action on rickets the results of these two therapeutic agents cannot be distinguished. When it had been demonstrated that direct sunlight cured rickets, the experiments went farther, and it was shown that mercury vapor light passed through quartz prevents and cures this disease exactly as does the natural sunlight; and since that process produces ultra-violet rays, it was readily inferred that it is these invisible cold rays in sunlight that exercise the curative effects upon rickets. That fact being established, it remained to learn whether cod-liver oil, if taken internally, likewise gave off emanations of ultra-violet rays cure rickets, and, moreover, that they play an important part in the normal function-

ing of many bodily processes, since they not only cure but prevent.

"Bottled sunshine" is a novel way of describing cod-liver oil, but that in the light of experimental studies in the curative values of certain remedies, is what cod-liver oil really is. The curative action of this oil in the treatment of rickets has opened up a new field for investigation. One thing is already certain: there is a definite similarity of curative powers between sunlight and cod-liver oil, especially in the treatment of rickets.

Two doctors in the Yale Medical School have been experimenting lately, and they believe they have already demonstrated that cod-liver oil taken internally, gives off ultra-violet rays which cure rickets.

Among the substances known to cure rickets are cod-liver oil, egg yolk, bile, sperm oil, and others. All these were oxidized, and specially prepared photographic plates screened by quartz filters and exposed to the substances so treated, gave unmistakable indications of the presence of ultra-violet light. Similar substances, but not possessing the power of curing rickets, such as linseed, peanut and cottonseed oils were also oxidized, but showed no evidences of ultra-violet rays upon identical photographic plates. This is along the lines that the experiments were conducted in proving that cod-liver oil does prevent and cure rickets and that it is the ultra-violet rays contained in the oil that do the trick.

Upon this new discovery of the ultra-violet activity of certain food substances may be based further research and accomplishments that will be of benefit to all physicians and dietitians interested in the prevention of disease and the preservation of the health of the child and adult alike.

With Britain's Compliments.

A short time ago the British Government presented to the Regent of Abyssinia the crown captured in war with that country fifty years ago. The incident recalls that on many previous occasions the British nation has been the recipient or giver of a token of regard, in the form of a special present, for some other Power.

Probably the best-known gift ever received by Britain from the Government of another country is the good ship *Resolute*, of Arctic exploration fame, which the United States, at a cost of \$200,000 voted by Congress, restored to Britain after the vessel had been abandoned in the ice some time previously. Twenty years afterwards Queen Victoria had a table made of the ship's timbers and presented it to the White House, Washington, where it still does duty as the President's writing desk.

The Statue of Liberty, which marks the entrance to New York harbor, was a gift to the United States from France. Over two hundred feet in height, it is the world's greatest statue, and cost nearly \$500,000. France has also shown her esteem for Britain by giving the British Museum a magnificent specimen of a Sevres vase, while more recently she announced her intention of making a present of certain parts of the battlefields, as a permanent memorial to Britain's dead soldiers.

Spain has given England a gold model of the ship in which Columbus voyaged to America. Another unusual gift was the ancient cannon given to the British people by the Dutch. This brings to mind the two very old pieces of ordnance given by Britain to the United States as a memento of the fort built by the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth, Mass.

Another relic, an old mortar found in one of the American Army stores, was presented by Congress to the United Kingdom, it having belonged formerly to the 50th Royal American Corps, which afterwards became the King's Royal Rifles.

Minard's Liniment for Rheumatism.

This Crowded Life.

How sordid is this crowded life, its spite
And envy, the unkindness brought to light!

It makes me think of those great modest hearts
That spend their quiet lives in lonely parts,
In deserts, hills or woods; and pass away
Judged by a few, or none, from day to day.

And O that I were free enough to dwell
In their great spaces for a while, until
The dream-like life of such a solitude
Has forced my tongue to cry "Hail!" aloud
To make an echo from the silence give
My voice back with the knowledge
that I live.

—W. H. Davies.

Making It Right.

"Two cows in the field," said a teacher to a class of small boys, indicating the writing on the blackboard. "Now, that sentence is wrong. Can any boy tell me why?"

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December.

Oh! holly branch and mistletoe,
And Christmas chimes wher'er we go,
And stockings pinned up in a row,
These are thy gifts, December!

And if the year has made thee old,
And silvered all thy locks with gold,
Thy heart has never been a-cold,
Or known a fading ember.

The whole world is a Christmas tree,
And stars its many candles be,
Oh! sing a carol joyfully,
The year's great feast in keeping!

For once, on a December night,
An angel held a candle bright,
And led three wise men by its light
To where a child was sleeping.

—Harriet F. Blodgett.

The Walter's Favorite Dish.

Three men seated at table at a certain American hotel were discussing their favorite game food. The first declared that nothing could be compared with pheasant. The second preferred partridge. The third was enthusiastic over quail.

In order to decide which food really was the best they appealed to the colored waiter.

"Well, sah," replied the waiter slowly, "for mah part, I would rather have an American eagle served on a silvah dollah."

Very likely he got it.

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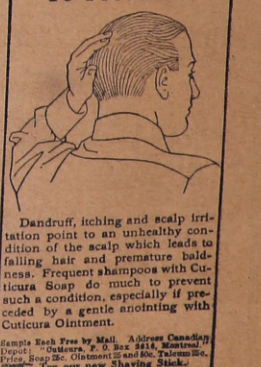
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BORROWED THOUGHTS

To have what we want is riches,
but to be able to do without is
power.—GEORGE MACDONALD.

Municipal Elections

This is the season of Municipal elections. Until very recent years practically every municipality in the province held its election during the first week in January. This meant that the campaign had to be carried on during the Christmas week, when everyone is supposed to be in festive mood and consequently not keen on elections. To get away from that many communities are trying an experiment and holding their elections a month earlier. The results so far have not been encouraging. The votes held in December were small. Ottawa made perhaps the best showing, with a fifty per cent vote and Windsor one of the worst, as only about fourteen per cent of the electors exercised their franchise.

It is unfortunate that there is such general apathy toward such an important matter. It is difficult to get good men to stand for municipal office under such conditions. Stirling is sticking to the old plan and nominations will take place on December 29th, with an election a week later if one is necessary.

Grain and Horses Win

Once more Canadian farmers have been carrying off leading prizes at the International Live Stock and Grain Exhibition at Chicago. For the thirteenth time in the fourteen years since the competition was established the world championship for wheat has been carried off by Canada. This year's winner is J. C. Mitchell of Dahinda, Sask., who has won the trophy three times, having been successful in 1919 and 1920 as well.

The winning exhibit was a fine specimen of Marquis Hard Red Spring wheat weighing 64.6 lbs. to the measured bushel. Incidentally, it is worth repeating that Marquis wheat was developed by Dr. Saunders of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa. A sample of the wheat was sent to

Sight Becomes More Precious With Age

Each year you become more dependent on your eyes for work and for pleasure. And good sight in middle life, and beyond, depends in a large measure on the care given the eyes earlier in life. Eye strain is a subtle thing, often existing a long time before one realizes that it is present, for the eye works so involuntarily one is not conscious of extra effort being made.

To have and keep good sight you should have the eyes examined by an expert eye specialist every 12 to 18 months. That is a service we have been rendering the public for many years.

I will be in Stirling, at the Kerby House, the Third Thursday this month (December 18th). Appointments may be made between the hours of 1 and 5.30 p.m.

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Mr. Mitchell by Dr. Saunders, in 1907. That was the beginning of Mr. Mitchell's success. He was then a newly arrived immigrant from Manchester, England, and he has been a wheat specialist ever since. In addition to raising the world's finest wheat he carried off the sum of \$675.00 in prize money.

Saskatchewan was also successful in carrying off all the stallion championships in the Clydesdale horse division at Chicago. "Wee Donald" a spirited animal owned by C. A. Weaver of Regina was awarded the senior and grand championships, while Dr. Reid, a prominent western veterinary surgeon of Canora won the junior and the reserve grand championships with his entry. Then too, Ontario swept the boards for flint corn, and even Manitoba carried off one important prize for corn in spite of the fact that the middle States were long considered to produce the finest corn in the world.

Quite obviously, Canada is a pretty fair farming country.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mayor Mikel of Belleville urges the citizens of the city to send Canadian cheese to their friends in the Old Land at Christmas time. A similar attempt to popularize Canadian apples began a few years ago and has developed into an important business. The spirit of Christmas is becoming more and more commercialized.

The United States removed the duty on Christmas trees from Canada some time ago, and the

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III.
Ye fled from the earthquake . . . but at evening time it shall be light.—Zech. 14: 5-7.

I.
It is natural to flee from earthquakes. We dread earthquakes. We think they are catastrophic. We do not see any good in them. Yet the teaching in the section from which we take our text is, that after the quake there is quietness; after the darkness there is light. The place that has been shaken is steadfast; the people that have been frightened, are calmed. The Peace of God follows the earthquake.

II.
Earthquakes are not uncommon. Most of us think only of the great earthquakes of "Frisco and Tokio. But I read the other day from the pen of a New Zealander that "on the average there is an earthquake every quarter of an hour. About thirty or forty thousand annually. Every few minutes Old Earth seems to shake itself." Earthquakes then seem to be good things—else why so many. You never hear of earthquakes in deserts. The desert would not remain desert were it shaken. The richest vineyards always grow on the soil that has been fertilized by the fery deluge of a volcano. Earthquakes are ploughs. That is why we have earthquakes.

III.
Is this why we have earthquakes? Then why fear them? It is well known that in times of war or other upheavals the poetic imagination is at its best. And that in the heats of religious controversy such hymns as "Rock of Ages," and "Jesus Lover of my Soul" were written. Matheson wrote "O Love that will not let me go" in a time

of personal earthquake. An earthquake is an eloquent preacher. It sets men to look at their foundations. Earthquakes do little damage to the lowly hut or bamboo structure, but they wreak disaster on castles, palaces and sky-scrapers. The Incas of Peru laughed at the Spaniards who built great structures that would in the earthquake be their sepulchres.

IV.
Poets, as we have seen, need earthquakes in their lives if they are to have that tremendousness that grips men. Singers need earthquakes if their song is to be as "deep calling unto deep." It takes a broken heart to soothe a broken heart. Listen to this:

"Rock of ages, cleft for me"
Thoughtlessly the maiden sang.
Fell the words unconsciously
From the girlish, gleeful tongue.

Listen again:—
"Rock of ages, cleft for me,"
"Twas a woman sang them now,
Pleadingly and prayerfully—
Every word her heart did know,
Every note with sorrow stirred,
Every syllable a prayer,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

Preachers need earthquakes! What a pity when the depths of a good man's soul have not been broken up! What a pity his hopes have not been blighted! What a pity his heart has not been shattered! What fiery zeal, what warmth of love, what unkindling light is lacking in man who has not rocked and reeled in life's earthquakes. Yes, 'tis true we flee from our earthquakes, but remember that after the rocking and the reeling AT THE EVENING TIME IT SHALL BE LIGHT.

Madoc Junction

Rev. Mr. White of Eldorado gave his illustrated lecture in the church here one evening recently, quite a number of visitors attended from Fuller, West Huntington and Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitchett visited friends near Minto one day last week.

Miss Grace Vandewater our school teacher and Miss Mary Fitchett attended the High School concert in Stirling one evening last week.

Mrs. Bert Andrews of Nanpsee visited

result will no doubt be reflected in the volume of exports. It is a commodity the export of which should be prohibited. Shipping out train loads of young trees is poor business for a country whose forests are being rapidly depleted, especially when the price received is a mere fraction of their potential value.

The series of University Extension lectures planned by the High School are well worthy of the support of every thoughtful citizen. The first one will be given by Prof. Sandwell of Queen's University on the evening of Dec. 18th.

LOOKING BACKWARD

FROM NEWS-ARGUS DEC. 7TH, 1890.

We learn that Dr. Bissonnette has purchased the house lately occupied by Mr. Jas. Bygott just west of Mr. Jas. Boldrick's. Mr. Bygott has moved to the house just south of Dr. Zwick's.

The month of November just passed will go on record as one of the mildest ever experienced in Canada. There was scarcely any frost during the month—none at all during the latter half.

At the residence of Jas. Haggerty, Esq., Ex. M.P.P., West Huntington on Tuesday, December 5th at 11 a.m., his youngest daughter Alice was united in marriage to Mr. John A. Kerr, Cheese Inspector of Belleville. Rev. Mr. Burton M.A., Anglican minister of Madoc performed the service.

Mr. A. Chard Jr. who has been at Monkland, Ont. for some time has been transferred to Ivanhoe station.

The Daily Round

"My son," said the old gentleman who was giving his boy a little fatherly advice, "just remember there are no short cuts to fame."

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friends here last week.

Mr. and Oliver Stapley motored to Bour-Law last Sunday.

Miss Aletha Reide is reported much improved in health lately.

Rev. Mr. Snell of Foxboro occupied the pulpit here on Sunday p.m. and made an earnest appeal for an increase in our gifts to missions.

The W. M. S. held their last meeting at the home of Mrs. Andrews, the next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. H. Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay entertained some visitors last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stapley spent Saturday in Belleville.

Mrs. Bennett has returned from visiting her daughters in Belleville.

ADVERTISE IN THE NEWS-ARGUS.

Very Honest

Mark Twain was called upon to speak at a club dinner and took for his theme, "Honesty." He said when he was a boy at home he one day saw a cart full of melons. He was a boy—and he was tempted; besides he liked melons.

"I sneaked up to that cart," said Mark, "and I stole a melon. I went into an alley to devour it. But—I had no sooner set my teeth into it than I paused; a strange feeling came over me. I came to a quick resolution. Firmly, I walked up to that cart, placed the stolen melon where I got it from, and took a ripe one."



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" " " 37, brown tweed.	Reg. \$20.00 for	12.39
" " " 37, 39, 42, navy chinchilla.	Reg. \$30.00 for	9.95
" " " 38, brown tweed.	Reg. \$17.50 for	12.89
" " " 38, " "	Reg. \$25.00 for	13.95
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142, 140, black beaver, curly lined, with Australian	Reg. \$35.00 for	17.79
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Local and Personal

We hope our readers will consider this column their very own. We always appreciate receiving items of local interest by telephone (59) post card or by a friendly call at the office.

Turkish Guest sets, \$1.25 to \$2.40 at Ward's. 14a

Mr. C. E. Linn was called for duty on the jury in Belleville this week.

Mr. Roy Walker and Bert Scales are in Belleville attending the Jury.

Mr. Arthur Rosebush of Trenton spent the week-end the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosebush.

Mrs. Delia Cooke passed away at the General Hospital, Belleville, yesterday.

Miss Myrtle MacMullen, of the staff of the News-Argus, is confined to her home this week with a threatened attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. Ernest Ward visited friends in Peterboro this week.

The sympathy of the friends of Judge and Mrs. Fraeek go out to them in the loss of their two daughters within three days of one another.

Silk and English Broadcloth Shirts neatly boxed—\$3.00 \$5.00 at Ward's. 14a

Personal greeting cards for Christmas and New Years, neatly printed \$1.00 a dozen up. Our stock is going, so don't delay too long.—The News Argus. 14a

Dr. Edmund A. Carleton, who until recently has been practising medicine in Toronto, has opened an office in Mr. Thos. Matthews' house, Church St., and is now ready to receive persons in need of medical consultation or treatment. 14 (a)

Miss S. Knox has just received a letter from her brother James in Saskatchewan. He says [they] had about two weeks of good sleighing but now it is gone and they are having beautiful weather and the cattle and horses are out on pasture. They had good crops this year.

Santa Suggests an Overcoat for the boy. See Ward 14a

Rev. Robert Simpson has written the Presbytery of Kingston to state that his health is improving, but not yet to the extent that would enable him to renew his duties as minister.

A man's own choice, Crepe, Foulard and Knit ties in gift boxes. 50c-\$1.50 at Ward's. 14a

Minto News

The pupils of Minto school are practising for a Xmas Concert which will be given at 8 p.m. on Dec. 23rd.

The W. A. met at St. Thomas Church on Dec. 4th to elect new officers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fox from Eldersburg Thursday with Mr. Mrs. Fred Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Mr. and Mrs. G. McMurphy visited Mr. Stanley McMurphy recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan spent Sunday with Mr. Everett Heaths.

Mr. and Mrs. G. McMaster and family were visitors at Mr. Ed. Batemans Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Vance spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bateman.

Thomas E. Hogle spent Sunday evening with his cousin Harper Bateman.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McMurphy spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook.

Miss Beatrice Hogle has gone to spend a while at her uncle Mr. W. J. Bateman.

Blairton News

We had moving pictures at the church shown by Rev. Mr. Herrington. They were enjoyed by a large crowd.

Hunting and hunters are in full swing some are very successful.

One of our local sports came into the burch with two fine large foxes recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Warren spent Sunday at Vansickle. The roads are in good condition.

Miss Hazel McGee has recently returned

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after spending a month at Ottawa the guest of her father. She will resume teaching having been engaged on the Havelock school staff.

Mrs. P. Young of Smith Falls is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McQuagge.

Well Christmas is again near us. As usual some are filled with joy and some the reverse.

Mr. Peter Buchanan is holding a Christmas tree for the children and parents at the school.

Miss Bonter of Marmora is visiting Miss Lena Webb.

Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin of Sask. was a recent guest at the McLaughlin home.

Mr. Kenneth Walbridge of Wellington recently visited his parents and called on his old friends.

Even death has a wonderful mission. Though it robs us of those we love it lifts our hearts from our surroundings.

To long for that meetin above.

Burnbrae News

Miss Edith Gibbons of Wingham returned home last Friday.

Miss Ketcheson has been confined the house with a severe attack of quinsy and is slowly improving.

Glad to report that little Donald Walker is on a fair way to recovery.

Mrs. T. J. Ketcheson returned home from Toronto last week after visiting friends for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Jas. Stewart is sporting a Ford Coupe these days.

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Aid was held last Thursday. The treasurer reported \$555, raised this year, \$415 was passed over to the Treasurer of the Manse Building Fund.

Rev. D. A. McKenzie preached last Sunday evening for the W. M. S.

The Sunday School is busy practising

Sunday Services

Methodist Church

PASTOR—REV. C. W. BARRETT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 1924
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.

11 a.m.—The pastor—"Reverence" 7 p.m.—The pastor—"How to get what you want."

MONDAY, 8 p.m.—Epworth League

CARMEL, SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH
Service—2.30 p.m.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Young Peoples' League.

Presbyterian Church

MINISTER—REV. ROBT. SIMPSON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER, 14TH
10 a.m.—Sabbath School

Rev. D. N. MacLachlin, of Toronto, will conduct services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

GUILD—Monday, 8 p.m.

Choir practise, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Rawdon Circuit Notes

REV. FRED G. JOBLIN, Pastor.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 1924.

Bethel—10.30 a.m.
Mt. Pleasant—2.30 p.m.
Wellmans—7.00 p.m.

League, Wellmans on Tuesday evening; Bethel on Wednesday evening.

Topic—"How may we best keep the Christmas Spirit."—under Citizenship Dept.

Shamrock Cheese Co.

The annual meeting of the Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Monday Dec. 22nd at one o'clock for the purpose of the transaction of the general business of the company.

Tenders will be received up to the above date for the manufacturing of cheese and separating whey for the season of 1925.

J. W. Sager, Pres.

14b

Evergreen Cheese & Butter Co.

The annual meeting of The Evergreen Cheese and Butter Co. will be held at the factory on Tuesday Dec. 23rd at 1 o'clock sharp for settling up of the Season's business. Election of Officers, letting of m.k. routes drawing cheese and any other business that may come before the company.

14 2

Hoards Cheese & Butter Co.

The above company will hold their annual meeting at the factory on Friday, Dec. 19th at 1 o'clock for the general transaction of business.

A. Heagle, Pres.

14b

for their Christmas entertainment to be held on Friday evening Dec. 19th.

The Annual Meeting of the "Busy Bee" Y. W. A. will be held Saturday at the home of Bertha Wallace.

Mr. Lapp Denies Report

The published report that Mr. Gordon Lapp had been elected premier of the Ontario Boys' Parliament by acclamation is quite incorrect and there was absolutely no justification for its publication. Mr. Lapp states.

The High School Literary Society will hold an open meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, December 18 at 8 o'clock. At this meeting Professor Sandwell, Queen's University will give a lecture on "Bad Books and Their Uses". Silver collection. 14a

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HAROLD VANALLEN, Stirling. 13 (b)

West Huntington Cheese Co.

The Annual meeting of West Huntington Cheese Co. will be held in the Orange Hall, Wed. Dec. 17th at 1 o'clock. Election of officers, receiving reports and general business.

Alex. B. Fargy President

14 a

CENTRAL CHEESE CO.

The annual meeting of the above Company will be held at the Factory at 1.00 p.m. on Thursday Dec. 18th, 1924, for the general transaction of business.

14 (a) WILFRED SMITH, Pres.

Springbrook Cheese & Butter Co.

The annual meeting of the above Company will be held at the Factory on Tuesday, December 16th, at one o'clock for receiving reports, electing officers, engaging cheesemaker, letting milk routes, and other general business.

14 (a) T. J. THOMPSON, Pres.

Harold Cheese & Butter Co.

The Annual Meeting of Harold Cheese and Butter Co. will be held at the factory on Monday, December 22nd, 1924 at one o'clock sharp. Business; Election of officers; Receiving reports. General business.

W. H. HEATH, CHAS. MUMBY, Secretary. President.

Sterling Cheese Company

The Annual General meeting of the Sterling Cheese Company will be held at the Factory on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, 1924 at 1 o'clock p.m. for settling up the season's business. Election of Officers, selling milk routes and any other business in connection with the Company.

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About the House

WHY WON'T HE EAT IT?

Mothers can easily understand why their children should have milk, cereals, vegetables, fruits and other wholesome foods. So far as the child is concerned, sometimes this is easier said than done for many mothers ask the question—

"How can I teach my child to eat and to like wholesome foods?"

This is a question that cannot be answered off hand. First of all, let us consider how we have formed our own food habits.

Two people may eat the same food and one of them pronounce it "poisonous," the other "delicious." Both of these persons presumably have the same sort of taste organs and the same sensation is doubtless carried to the brain of each. Yet the sensation is pleasant to one person and disagreeable to the other. How can it be?

The difference lies not in the food, not in the taste organs but in the way each person thinks about it. It takes a psychologist to explain these different mental attitudes but any observing person soon realizes that we like, in general, those foods to which we have been accustomed from our early years. The Chinese like rice and the Italians like macaroni because they are accustomed to these foods, not because of any inherited partiality. An Italian baby brought up in a Chinese family would doubtless grow as fond of rice as a Chinese baby would of macaroni if brought up in an Italian home.

A child is born without habits but begins to develop them at a very early age. As new foods are added to the diet of the child, give small amounts at first to accustom the child to the new flavor. Then gradually increase the amounts and the variety as the powers of taste are developed. The young child will become accustomed to new and wholesome foods so that by the time he is two years old he will have learned to like cereals, milk, eggs, potatoes, bacon and a variety of vegetables.

Not only do we like foods to which we have grown accustomed by long experience, but we easily acquire likes or dislikes by imitation, conscious or unconscious, of those whom we admire. This is true especially of a child's imitation of a parent. If parents set a good example of eating and liking all wholesome foods, the children will unconsciously imitate them. As one little girl said:

"At home we don't talk about porridge. We eat it."

Anything in the nature of a luxury is always enticing. It is human nature to desire a thing which others

seem to enjoy. A little girl who claimed to have learned to like spinach was asked to tell how she did it.

"Oh," she explained, "father and mother and sister all ate it and seemed to like it so much I thought I must be missing something. So I began to eat it, and after a while I liked it."

Be sure that foods are good if you expect them to be liked. Persistent practice will teach a child to like almost any flavor, but the problem is much more simple if foods are palatable. Sometimes a child's dislike of milk can be traced to an unpleasant experience of some milk that was turned or had absorbed flavors from the ice-box or from weeds eaten by the cows.

The reform of the finicky child is not an easy matter but it can be done. When a child who is not sick, refuses plain, wholesome foods, withhold all sweets and highly flavored foods and send him outdoors to get good and hungry. Give him three plain meals a day of milk, cereals, bread, vegetables, potatoes and eggs. Allow nothing between meals except water. Then watch him develop a healthy appetite for plain and wholesome foods.

A child who refuses all food is probably sick. If he eats food he likes and refuses foods he really needs, firm treatment is necessary. No mother leaves a child with a dirty face merely because the child does not enjoy washing. Maternal pride is at stake and the young imp is caught and scrubbed, regardless of protests. Why should not the mother be just as firm about the more important matter of diets?—for nothing is more necessary for the health of the child than correct feeding.—R. G.

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Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd.)
They were utterly alone there, in a vast solitude, companioned only by the sea and the living things which haunt its shores.

"Carliotta, if it had not been for this, you would have come to me at Stair—your heart would have had no misgiving?"

"Oh, none! And the poorer you were, the happier that heart would have been," she answered with a glow which amazed him.

He took her hands and raised them to his lips.
"Then God will clear the way. Till then, my darling, we can wait. A great injustice has been done. My cousin has the right to say his say, but you belong to me, Carliotta, and to no one else."

They did not kiss, and when Carliotta presently begged him to leave her he would not consent. Also without plan or promise for the future.

A sort of solemnity was upon both their spirits which obscured their happiness, and which lesser natures would have been incapable of understanding. It was as if the truth would be made known to Peter Garvock, or who would be the instrument, neither knew.

At three o'clock of the afternoon, as was his wont since he became an engaged man, Peter Garvock drove into the stable-yard of the Dalhousie Hotel and put up his horse. Then he strode, with all a lover's haste, to the Clock House to spend the long afternoon with the woman he loved. Some times they would walk abroad, or sit in the old-world garden when it was warm enough; it mattered little to Peter, so long as he breathed the air, and could look upon Carliotta's face.

He found her alone. It was Mrs. Carliotta's custom to take a nap after the midday meal, while the Professor retired to his den, where he quickly became unconscious of any flight of time.

She had made no special toilet for her lover, but still wore the short, well-cut skirt of shepherd's plaid, the white silk shirt and green silk tie which she had donned in the morning. Whatever she wore seemed beautiful and becoming in Peter Garvock's eyes, and since Carliotta had taught him how clothes should be worn, he had become critical of all other women, even of his mother and sister, who accounted themselves mean judges of a gentleman's attire.

The French windows of the Clock House drawing-room opened upon the terraced garden; a wonderful, old-world garden to be thus found in the heart of a town. A light trellis verandah, on which the jasmine stars were blazing now, made a shelter from both sun and rain. Carliotta was sitting there when she heard the front door bell, and she rose up and stepped just within the nearest window to receive Peter Garvock.

She was pale. Not a vestige of color was to be seen in all her face, and her eyes had a strange, intense look. She held by the swaying curtains with both hands so that neither was free for him, and when he would have kissed her, she drew back, yet not so abruptly or so swiftly as to awaken his suspicion. Indeed, it was not the first time she had refused his caresses. Her cold aloofness was one of the charms which drew him.

Though Peter Garvock was a plain man, and not a universal favorite with women, yet he was an eligible *parti*, and he could have made his choice of a wife in many quarters, for the wealth of the Lees had passed into a proverb in the county, and was much exaggerated, as is usual in such circumstances.

"We can't stop in the house this beautiful afternoon," she said, cutting his greeting short. "Do you mind if we go for a long tramp?"

"Delighted!" he assured her. "But I think you look tired and pale."

"Oh, no. Shall we go now? I will get my hat," she said, and left him with a nervous abruptness.

She was a creature of varying moods, and he did not guess that to-day the house could not hold her; that the thing she had to say to him, while it could not wait, could not be muttered within the four walls of any house. She seemed to keep him long time, but where Carliotta was concerned, Peter Garvock's patience was inexhaustible. She had been excellent for him, a discipline he needed sorely. Even those in the house with him at the Lees had been obliged to admit that the influence of Carliotta had been a very softening one.

Carliotta herself would have laughed at the idea. She did not love Peter Garvock, and so kept all his moods at bay. She had merely laughed at his assumption of authority, and had often told him he had better be warned in time that it was no obedient or even pliable wife he was going to take to the Lees. Peter laughed too, and, conscious of the masterfulness which had been his besetting sin all his life, was wholly untroubled by doubt. Even the dearest woman in the world would only be a second fiddle in his house. No man believed more ardently and thoroughly than Peter Garvock in the old law that the man is head of the woman. They did not discuss these controversial points, because Peter saw no need; he was confident that he would remain master in his own house.

Never, however, had Carliotta seemed more alone from him than that day. She came back to the door of the room, drawing a pair of long gloves on her hands, her little wrap coat open, her hat, with the pheasant's wing, set at the most bewitching angle, the red-gold of her hair. It was not the usual Sunday afternoon attire of the ladies of Ayr, but Carliotta was ever a law to herself.

"The sands, as usual, I suppose?" said Garvock, as he held open the street door for her to pass out.

But Carliotta drew back, and her face flushed.

"Not to-day. Let us go inland—right up to the Cessnock woods."

Garvock made no demur, since it mattered not at all to him which road they made their way out through the streets, as luck would have it, Garvock began to speak of affairs at Stair.

"He is a very good sort of chap, Alan, but he has the family failing. He can neither make nor keep—if you know what I mean? And he is so pig-headed with it! I was the better part of yesterday trying to persuade him to let Stair for a term of years, and he went back to Bombay. Then there would only be his sister and brother. While Claud is at Cambridge, what more suitable than that Judith should go there and keep house for him? It would save the expense of lodgings—now seem to be very expensive, or else Claud has extravagant tastes. But no! Stair is set on his own way."

"Perhaps now he has come home to manage the estate, things will go better," Carliotta replied, and Peter did not notice the strain in her voice. "You use the word 'perhaps' and alling, he could not properly attend to anything."

"That is true enough, but if he had attended to things when he was well, there would not be the mess there is to-day. Fact is, Carliotta, in the eighteen months poor old Uncle Claud was actually off the place, confined to his bedroom, I mean things mended. Judy pulled them together. But I can see that Alan's a scattering hand. We very nearly came to loggerheads over things yesterday."

"It would be better to leave him—would it not?—to manage his own affairs?" said Carliotta, in the same odd voice.

"Well, you see, I can't do that altogether, for I happen to hold a pretty considerable mortgage on Stair."

Carliotta stood still on the road and looked at him in a little, startled way, while the red dyed her cheek.

"You hold a mortgage on Stair? Does your cousin know it?"

"Why, of course. That was the very first thing we had to speak about. And he got very ratty about it. I don't know why. I've been very decent about it right through, and as I told him yesterday, he ought to be a little more careful and guarded in his speech, and a trifle less independent in his manner. Fact is, he's been spoiled both by women and men; but now he's got to come right out and face the music he doesn't like it."

"Let us take this path," said Carliotta, darting forward to a bit of waste ground as if something sickened her.

Peter regarded the uninviting track with disfavor.

"It doesn't look as if it led to anywhere."

"Oh, it does. I've often been here. After you get past these horrid building plots and over that little hill, the road is clear to Cessnock woods."

"You have acquired a wonderful knowledge of the environs of Ayr," he said teasingly.

"Father and I together," she asserted. And then, somehow, an odd silence fell upon them, which both found it difficult to break.

Carliotta was as good as her promise. It was a very short cut to Cessnock woods, and, once within their shelter, they were practically immune from disturbance. Cessnock was not open to the general public, but Carliotta had sought and obtained special permission from the owner for her father to wander at will.

It was very beautiful there, but Carliotta was very glad to get away from the sight of the blue line of the sea, which seemed to pursue her wherever she chose to turn her eyes.

"Are you tired?" asked Garvock with much solicitude when she made pause at a clearing where a lot of felled trunks lay in even lines, inviting them to rest. "You look quite white to-day! I don't remember seeing you so pale before. Perhaps we've come too far?"

"Oh, no," she said feverishly. "But we can sit down for a few minutes, if you like. I have something to say to you, anyhow, Peter. I came out here for the purpose."

(To be continued.)

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Length and Latitude.

It is often said that the tallest people are found in the temperate zone, and the general idea is that the British and the Scandinavians are the tallest races in the world. If, however, you go carefully into the figures you will find that this is not the case.

The average height of English, Scots, and Scandinavians is the same. A full-grown man of each race averages 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches in height. The Irish are a fraction of an inch shorter, and next come Danes and Belgians. But these are not the tallest races. In the matter of inches, the records are held by Zulus, Iroquois Indians, Polynesians, and Patagonians. The last, the tallest race in the world, average 5 feet 10 1/2 inches. Now the Zulus live in a semi-tropical climate, the Iroquois in a temperate one, the Polynesians in some of the hottest parts of the world, while the Patagonians inhabit the Horn of South America, one of the coldest and most miserable places on earth.

In remarkable contrast to the Patagonians are the Laplanders, who, residing almost on the Arctic circle, are the shortest race on earth, a grown man being only seven-tenths of an inch over five feet.

The more one studies the matter the more puzzling it becomes, but one point seems clear enough—that climate and latitude have nothing whatever to do with height.

Food and fresh air, indeed, have more to do with the development of the individual than climate, as is proved by the fact that everywhere the farm laborer is taller than the artisan.

For Sore Feet—Miranda's Liniment.

World Flight a Triumph.

The stage was set in 1924 for a flight around the world. British, French, Portuguese, Argentine and American fliers all entered the race. Each, with the exception of the American flight, met with disaster. The American flight succeeded because it was well organized and planned and undertaken by a first-class flying personnel. This great flight will be remembered as one of the great voyages of history, comparable to the adventures of Columbus, Magellan, Hawkins, Raleigh and the rest.—Lieutenant Robert J. Brown, Jr., in Current History Magazine.

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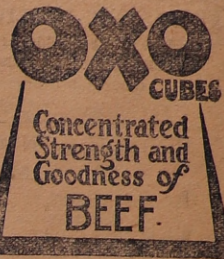
Napoleon in his Italian successes captured a Hungarian battalion. The colonel, an old man, said that he had fought in the army of Maria Theresa. "You must be old," said Napoleon. "Yes I am," the colonel replied, "either sixty or seventy."

"Why, colonel," exclaimed Napoleon, "you have certainly lived long enough to know how to count years a little more closely."
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For the Boys and Girls

A TRICK IN ADDITION.

"Did you ever try adding before you know what all the numbers in your column are going to be?" asked Robert.

"Why, nobody can do that," said Gerald. "How could you tell what the answer would be?"

"Easily enough," said Robert. "Now we will write down five numbers. You write two of them first, and then I will write one, and you may write the fourth, and I will write the last. And I will put down the sum of all the numbers, after you have put down the first two."

So Gerald put down the first two numbers here shown:

46785
35749
64250
34567
65432

Then Robert said, "Well, the answer this time will be 246785." Then he put down the third row of figures, Gerald wrote the fourth and Robert wrote the last. Gerald hastened to add the numbers, and, sure enough, Robert's answer was the correct one.

"How did you do that?" asked Gerald.

"Don't you wish you could add that way?" said Robert teasingly.

"There is some trick about it," said Fannie. "Let me try it." So she wrote down the first two numbers given here:

483
999
516
472
527

"The answer to this problem will be 2,997," announced Robert. Then he

wrote the third number, Fannie wrote the fourth, and Robert the fifth. And adding the numbers gave the same total as Robert had given.

"I think I see how it's done now," cried Gerald.

"Well, I don't," said Fannie. "How is it, Robert?"

"Let me see if I can put down the answer when Fannie writes three of the numbers," said Gerald. And after two or three trials he did it as quickly and as accurately as Robert had done it.

As you can discover by carefully examining the problems, the trick is simple enough. In the first example notice that Robert got the result merely by placing a 2 in front of the first digit of Gerald's first number and by subtracting 2 from its last digit. Then in putting down the third number Robert used digits that, if added to the digits of the second number under which they were placed, would in each case make 9. Thus the sum of the second and the third number would be 99999. After Gerald had put down the fourth number Robert again used digits that if added to the digits directly above them in the fourth number, would in each case make 9.

In the second example, Robert varied the method, to make it appear more difficult. He got the result by using the second number, and then he made the digits of the first and third numbers total 999. The fourth and fifth numbers he treated in the same way as he had treated the fourth and fifth number of the first example.

In order to avoid the possibility of error when you first try this trick it is a good plan to make the rule that all the numbers of the column must have the same number of digits.



baby brother, Gerald David. The youngsters, sons of Princess Mary, have been spending some time at Buckingham Palace with their grandparents.

Reached Their Hearts.

The great night had arrived, and all the village turned up to the grand Christmas concert. The great attraction of the evening was to be a song from little Betty Blue, who, when her turn came, obliged as follows:

"Mid play sure sand pal aces though weam a Rome,
Be it everse oh wum bull, there snow play sly comb.
Aitch arm from thesk eyeseam stew wallow us there,
Which seek through the whirl disnurm et twilth swear."

The applause was terrific, and most of the audience were moved to tears, while those who were able to suppress their emotion shouted for an encore.

If you had been at that concert, provided you had not left your spectacles at home, you would have seen by the programme that the song was "Home, Sweet Home."



He Has a Conscience, of Course.

"Henry Ford is building a hospital in Detroit, and may do the same in other large cities."

"Specially designed for the treatment of automobile victims, I suppose?"

We'll Bite—Who Does?

"John," said Mrs. Newlywed, a city-bred, college-trained young woman; "cows give milk, don't they?"

"Yes, my love."

"Then the farmer gets it for nothing, and we have to pay fifteen cents a quart for it. Now what I'd like to know is, who gets the profit?"

Battle of Dogs in France Begun as Food Prices Soar.

Dogs are becoming a great problem in France. It is a question of food—food for the dogs, says a Paris despatch. With the price of bread continually rising, it has become a serious question—whether or not all dogs ought not to be done away with. The food they consume could be used to a much greater advantage by their owners or their owners' friends.

But the time for a peaceful settlement of the dog problem has passed, writes "Le Matin's" correspondent. The "dog haters"—yes, antichien nards—have united on a platform reading: "Let us suppress all dogs. Let us triple their taxes. It is better in a time of difficulty to feed men than to feed dogs." But the battled "dog lovers" answer with the slogan "They wish to attack our dogs. To arms, citizens!"

A December Day.

Dawn turned on her purple pillow,
And late, late came the winter day;
Snow was curved to the boughs of the willow,
The sunless world was white and gray.

At noon we heard a bluejay scolding
At five the last cold light was lost
From blackened windows faintly holding
The feathery filigree of frost.

—Sara Teasdale.

Prescribing for the Unwilling.
The soldiers marched to the church and halted in the square outside. As one wing of the edifice was undergoing repairs, there was room for only about half of the company.

"Sergeant," ordered the captain, "tell the men who don't want to go to church to fall out."

A large number did so at once.

"Now, sergeant," said the captain, "dismiss all the men who did not fall out and march the others in; they need it most."

Hats are first mentioned in history at the time Charles VII. entered Rouen in 1449.

How Christmas Cards Have Been Degraded

Many years ago there was kept a Day called Christmas, in which by all good folk was called to mind the Birth of Christ. How the Day fell from hte Calendar, to have its place usurped by great vulgarity, is a theme for curious researchers into the past. It is said that in remote places even now there are those who keep the day with a mind to its meaning, but their tribe grows fewer with the years.

The default in the Day is witnessed by the greeting cards which once were wont to pass from friend to friend. The elders of this generation will recall those greeting cards. Some bore the words of a carol, suitable to the season; some a wintery scene, with a frosted steeple rising over a wood of evergreens; others made reference to the angels' song of peace, and some to the shepherds of Bethlehem town. Manger, and with the Babe in the Wise Men, seated high on camels, following the Star, any child, turning over Christmas cards, could learn why Christmas was.

It is quite different to-day. Men and women, hunting through the shops for the Christmas card, are not finding it. It is true they find heaps of pastebored with the name of Christmas stamped, but it might just as well be Valentine's Day. There is nothing on the cards to tell why Christmas is. Men and women search in vain for the card that tells what Christmas is. May be there is not much demand for it in these modern times, and the shopman may have a few put away for "ample" people who ask for them. No, he is sorry, but he has none. Yes, the people ask for them. Yes, last year and this, but particularly this, he could have sold many did he have them, but he did not have them. Why?—well, the salesmen did not carry them in their stocks of samples. Very sorry. To another store one goes in search

of the Christmas card. The man here is sorry, too, he has had so many people ask for real Christmas cards. No, his salesman did not have any real Christmas samples either. There had not been any real Christmas cards of recent years. Oh, yes, people always ask for them, but you see, if the card makers don't make real Christmas cards any more how are the people to get them, unless they make them themselves? He had heard, said the man, that some people were actually making their own Christmas cards, and not omitting the meaning of the Day.

Now if this is what we have at Christmas, what shall we have at Easter? I know what we shall have at Easter if the present alien and un-Christian strain is followed. We shall have a number of cards containing best wishes for an abundant dandelion crop.

Strange, strange, that the only two greeting days of the year, the two High Days of the year, should be robbed of their meaning because that meaning is Christian.

There is here a curious challenge to your observation. You observe that the days do not die—Christmas is more generally kept in one fashion or another than ever before; Easter, rather her place also. The days do not die. You observe also that the custom of sending greeting cards does not change, there are still cards stamped "Christmas" and cards stamped "Easter" in abundance. Nothing that has to do with a commercialized Christmas or a commercialized Easter has been greatly enhanced. The card business has grown until it involves tens of millions of dollars of capital. But all that has to do with a Christian Christmas or a Christian Easter is concealed.

Mark Twain's Life Was Like One of His Yarns

By Edward Anthony

There once was a young man who wanted very much to marry a girl. Nothing unusual about that? Of course not.

And the girl said she would marry him if he could obtain her father's consent. And still there is nothing very unusual about this, save that the better known to the world as Mark Twain. But what happened next was a thing that I am convinced, could have happened to no one else under the sun than this same smiling, eager-eyed young writer.

Since the young man had only recently come to New York from the Pacific coast (this was in 1869), the father very naturally asked him to furnish character references from the California folk who knew him best. Now hear the rest of the story in Mark Twain's own words, as told in his autobiography.

"In due course answers came. I was sent for, and we had another private conference. I had referred him to six prominent men, among them two clergymen (these were all San Franciscoans), and he himself had written to a bank cashier who had in earlier years been a Sunday-school superintendent in Elmira and was well known to Mr. Langdon. The results were not promising. All those men were frank to a fault. They not only spoke in disapproval of me, but they were quite unnecessarily and exaggeratedly enthusiastic about it. One clergyman (Stebbins) and that ex-Sunday-school superintendent (I wish I could recall his name) added to their black testimony the conviction that I would fill a drunkard's grave."

"The reading of the letters being finished, there was a good deal of a hess and solemnity. I couldn't think of anything to say. Mr. Langdon was apparently in the same condition. Finally he raised his handsome head, fixed his clear and candid eye upon me, and said: 'What kind of people are these? Haven't you a friend in the world?'

"I said: 'Apparently not.'"

"Then he said: 'I'll be your friend, myself. Take the girl. I know you better than they do.'"

No wonder that Mark Twain had great stories to tell in his books, when his own life was chock-full and brimming over with yarns like that! This wonderful book, which Mark dictated over a period of several years before his death, hasn't been issued until just now because of the fact that he didn't want it published during the lifetime of anyone who might take exception to its innocent but absolutely frank reminiscences. Now it comes to us like a precious postponed legacy.

There's been a lot of rubbish written in the last few years, by high-brows who know all about psychoanalysis but couldn't analyze a problem in simple arithmetic, to prove that Mark Twain's wife was a bad influence on his writings because of her Puritan ideas, which, they say, kept him from writing things he would otherwise self.

Last Poem of Robert Burns.

The last poem of Robert Burns, written a few days before he died to the girl who nursed him on his death bed, has been found in Waiko Matiti Otogo, a remote settlement in New Zealand. Its existence had been unknown.

The poem is addressed to "Miss Jessie Lewars," who nursed Burns while his wife, Jenny, was ill. She was a neighbor of the poet in Dumfries, Scotland, and later married a man named Thomson, who apparently carried the poem to New Zealand. Thomson thought the poem had been published. Burns wrote:

"How often in the dreary night I clasp
Upon those throbbing, sleepless lids,
O'er eyes like glowing brands,
And wonder in my weary brain if,
haply, when I'm dead,
My old boon friends for love of me
will give my bairnies bread."

"Oh, did the poor not help the poor,
each in their simple way,
With humble gift and kindly word,
God pity them, I say."

For many a man who clasped my hand
with pledges o'er the bowl
When the wine halo passed away
proved by a niggard soul.

"Oh, wilt thou gang o' nights, Jessie,
to my forsaken hearth
And be as thou hast been to me, the
truest friend on earth?"

Sae sweetly in your linnest voice you'll
sing my means to rest
While Jennie leans her weary head
upon thy loving breast."



And Let In the Sheriff.
"Always open the door when there's
a knock—it may be opportunity."
"Hub, that's what I thought one day
and let in the sheriff."

The American airship Shenandoah is propelled by six airplanes propelled low, each 17½ feet long.

have written. But there are two things that this book proves convincingly. One is that no power on earth could keep him from saying what he wanted to say, when he wanted to say it; the other is that Mark himself, who was in the best position to know, regarded his marriage as the luckiest thing that ever happened to him.

Of course, the hard-swearing, hot-tempered Mark Twain and his prim and delicate wife were as different as any two people could be, and the stories of how they joshed each other for this reason—Mark usually, but not always, getting the better of the joshing—make delightful reading. Once, when Mark was due to go to Washington for a visit to President Cleveland, Mrs. Clemens, knowing his absent-mindedness, put in his vest pocket a note reading: "Don't wear your arctics in the White House."

When Mark was presented to Mrs. Cleveland he took out a card, wrote on it the words, "He did not," and without telling the President's wife what the words meant, made her sign her name underneath. Then, Mark tells, "she looked displeased, but hesitantly and mechanically she took the pen and said: 'I will sign it. I will take the risk. But you must tell me all about it, right afterward, so that I can be arrested before you get out of the house if there should be anything criminal about this.'"

"Then she signed; and I handed her Mrs. Clemens' note, which was very brief, very simple, and to the point. It said: 'I am sorry; and at my request she summoned a messenger, and we sent that card at once to the mail on its way to Mrs. Clemens in Hartford.'"

Mark was certainly informal in his meetings with Presidents. When he was introduced to President Grant at the White House, he was at first at a loss for something to say; then he drawled: "Mr. President, I am embarrassed. Are you?"

Then, Mark tells, Grant "smiled a smile that would have done no discredit to a cat-in-the-hat."

Later the humorist and the President met again in Chicago. "I am not embarrassed. Are you?" was U. S. Grant's greeting to him this time.

When Mark Twain afterwards founded a publishing business, he was overjoyed to become the publisher of Grant's reminiscences. The stern general seems to have been his hero, second only to Abraham Lincoln.

Mark's boyhood reminiscences of his home in Hannibal, Missouri, of his kind mother, who had a good word to say even for Satan, of candy-pulling parties and excursions in tangled canyons, of misbehaviors in Sunday school, midnight skating parties and sundry mischief, make it plain that the background for Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn was in his own happy youth. One quaint story he tells of this period is how a girl a few years older than himself pointed him out scornfully to a group of children one day, and said, "Here is a boy seven years old who can't chew tobacco!" And young Samuel was properly ashamed of himself.

STORIES OF WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE

From Errand-Boy to Lord Mayor.

Nearly fifty years ago a small boy entered the employment of a Liverpool florist. To-day he is the head of that business and the Lord Mayor of his native city.

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All this has not been accomplished without tremendously hard work. Liverpool's new Lord Mayor is a non-smoker and a teetotaler. He is now a keen rose-grower and collector of prints.

Told by Lord Curzon.

Here is a political story that Lord Curzon is fond of telling against himself. It was in the days when he was the Hon. George Nathaniel Curzon, and was a candidate for Southport. He was telling an audience how easy it was to be misunderstood. "Do you know," he said, "when I was a small boy I was caned for telling the truth?"

A Novelist's Cross Roads.

About twenty years ago a young man stared out of his flat window in London and his gaze fell upon the Canadian Emigration Office. He had been an actor, was secretary of a religious society, and had written a book which was about to be published. "Well," he said, gloomily, "if the book doesn't go, it'll have to be Manitoba." The young man was Mr. A. E. Mason, author of "The Four Feathers" and other famous stories. His book did "go," and his subsequent volumes have been "going" ever since.

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Hastings Happenings

News Briefs Gleaned from Our Community Exchanges.

Position Abolished

Owing to the discontinuance of a yard master at Trenton terminal of the C.N.R. Mr. Alex Neilson, who has occupied that position for the past nine years will find it necessary to move much to the regret of his many friends here.

During his nine years here he has been actively interested in the town and its progress. Mr. Neilson was for several years a member of the Public

School Board as well as Chairman of the Trenton Parks Commission. He is Secretary of the latter at present. He is Treasurer of the newly organized band.—Trenton Courier-Advocate.

Lord Byng Visits Belleville

His Excellency, General Lord Byng of Vimy, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.V.O., Governor General of Canada and Commander-in-Chief, arrived in Belleville at two o'clock Friday afternoon by the Canadian northern and paid his official visit to this city. He was accompanied by Capt. the Hon. Francis W. Erskine and C. S. Pryce-Davies, A.D.C.

Mayor Mikel, on behalf of the corporation of the city of Belleville wel-

comed the vice-royal guest. A guard of honor of high school cadets in command of Capt. J. Deacon, with Lt. F. Cross and George Faulkner, Sergeant, fifty of all ranks, formed up west of the lower station and there was reviewed by the governor-general. In the crowd at the station were Lt.-Col. Vanderwater, D.S.O., Major McManus and officers in uniform, veterans wearing their medals, members of the city council, Warden Rollins and members of Hastings County Council and representatives of other bodies.—Belleville Ontario.

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Wedding Bells

SCRIMSHAW-STAPLEY

A very quiet wedding took place at the Methodist Parsonage, Stirling on Nov. 8th at nine o'clock a.m. by Rev. C. W. Barrett, when Olive Stapley, eldest daughter of Mr. Frank Stapley, Stirling, became the bride of Earl Scrimshaw only son of Mr. Philip Scrimshaw of Bonarlaw.

The bride was attended by her cousin, Iola Carr and the groom by Douglas Stapley brother of the bride.

The bride was gown in grey velvet and wore the gift of the groom, a necklace of pearls. The groom's gift to the bride was an engraved sterling silver brooch and to the groomsmen an engraved set of sterling silver cuff links. After the ceremony the bride and groom motored to Toronto where they spent their honeymoon.

On their return home on Friday, Nov. 14th a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, when a few of the near relatives were present. The bride received many useful presents. On the following Tuesday her neighbours and friends gathered at her home and presented her with a beautiful mantel clock and fancy tea-pot together with the following address.

DEAR OLIVE,—

It is with pleasure and also regret that we have gathered here to-night to spend a social evening in your company before you become deeply involved in the many pleasures and duties that will come in your new life.

We have always found you, Olive, ever ready to help us with your time and means, whenever help was needed. In losing you, we have lost a kindly, cheery and friendly neighbor and you are leaving behind many staunch friends.

However, we realize that our loss will be another's gain and we know that you will find just such friends in your new home as you are leaving here.

As a slight token of our appreciation of your life among us, we beg of you to accept these gifts, and while using them daily, think of the friends of your girlhood.

We all join heartily in wishing you a happy and prosperous wedded life. On behalf of your friends in this neighbourhood.

MRS. GEO. McMULLEN
MISS MAE DANFORD

Olive replied briefly, thanking them all for their kindness and extending a welcome to her home at any time. After a dainty lunch was served, all sang—"God be with you till we meet again," and departed for their different homes.

West Huntingdon

Left over from last week.

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Friend ships are the truest
And enemies the fewest
In West Huntingdon

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Merry hearts are lightest
And moonbeams are the whitest
In West Huntingdon

Maidens are the sweetest
Autos are the fleetest
And bungalows the neatest
In West Huntingdon

Farmers work the hardest
Preachers preach the longest
And old folks are the strongest
In West Huntingdon

Now that the By-Election is over we are enjoying much colder weather.

Mr. George Poste has had a water system installed in his stables.

Rev. J. Lane and Rev. Robert Thomson of Plainfield exchanged pulpits on Sunday for missionary purposes.

Our Methodist and St. Andrews congregations are planning on Christmas entertainments. St. Andrew's date is December 24th. Methodist December 22nd. Misses Florence Cooke and Bertha McInroy spent a few days at Campbellford.

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In the Empress Hotel Gardens. At the top, inset, a view of the Malahat drive. Below, one of the many Public golf courses for which Victoria is famous and at the right a photograph taken from the verandah of the Empress Hotel with a glimpse of the Parliament Buildings through the columns.

Famed for a mild, equable climate, a scenic setting equalled to the choicest English beauty spots, a resemblance which has led to the appellation of "A Little Bit of Old England" and the up-to-dateness of a modern western city has combined to make Victoria, the Evergreen City, one of the principal tourist cities of the North Pacific coast throughout the entire year.

Victoria, which with its suburbs has a population of 60,000, is also the capital of British Columbia, the legislative buildings forming an attractive picture for the new arrival disembarking in the inner harbor.

The city, located on the southeast extremity of Vancouver Island, is practically in the same latitude as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and other eastern cities, yet because of the warm Japan current that fringes British Columbia's coast, Victoria enjoys the year round a climate unsurpassed in the Dominion. The mean temperature in winter is 42 degrees and in summer 61. Coupled with this is an average yearly rainfall of only 27.45 inches, less than half the average precipitation on the adjacent mainland.

With this salubrious climate outdoor sports are possible the entire year, five or six golf courses being available in and around the city.

For the motorist, not only Victoria but the entire Vancouver Island provides drives of varying lengths into a territory that has been named a "Thousand Miles of Wonderland." Greatest of all these is the famous Malahat Mountain drive running north from Victoria and rising to more than 2,250 feet above the sea level, affording a view of sea and mountain unexcelled.

In and around Victoria are sufficient tourist attractions to keep the newcomer busy for many days. These include the Butchart sunken garden, transformed within the last decade into a veritable fairyland of flowers, shrubs, lawns, roses, waterfalls and lake; the astrophysical observatory with the second largest telescope in the world, and 1,000

acres of beautiful parks featuring Beacon Hill Park virtually in the heart of the city.

In the summer more than a hundred shady beaches and romantic little bays dotted along seventy miles of water frontage lure the holiday-maker. Some face the Straits of Juan de Fuca and open to the sweep of the Pacific Ocean tides, while others are almost landlocked, with clear, untroubled waters.

Travelling to Victoria from the mainland is one of the joys of a holiday spent in the capital city. An 82-mile trip through landlocked, sheltered waters past evergreen islands, brings the traveller from Vancouver. Frequent service on painted steamers of the Canadian Pacific Railway is afforded to Victoria from Vancouver and Seattle direct, while a further steamer to Nanaimo affords an optional route. Rail connection is made between Nanaimo and Victoria.

As a further development of Victoria as a winter resort, The Crystal Garden, an elaborate amusement center, is being erected near the Empress Hotel. It will be opened for Victoria Day Celebration next May, a steel and concrete structure with 36,000 square feet of glazed roof surface. The central feature of the Crystal Garden will be a huge salt water swimming pool, the largest on the Pacific Coast.

Nearby the Empress Hotel, overlooks the inner harbour. Located in spacious grounds, beautiful alike in winter and summer with roses, holly trees and other shrubs and flowers. This deservedly popular hostelry has been the temporary home for thousands of visitors.

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Rawdon Rifle Association Has Successful Year

Most of Members Made Good Showing
Prize Winners for Season—Annual Meeting December 27th

The last Rifle Practice of the season on December 1st 1924 brought to a close the most successful year of the Rawdon Rifle Association since its formation in June 1920. The Bona-fide active membership is now 53, the majority of whom made a very creditable showing on the range during the past year.

The best shot in the association was Mr. John McKeown, Captain, who made an aggregate of 237 at four practices and an average of 3.16, a close second was Mr. W. A. Bate-man whose aggregate was 190 and averaged 2.71. Others to win first prize for the seasons shooting were George E. Thompson, George S. Eastwood and G. K. Reid. The names of those winning second, third, fourth and fifth prizes to follow the first mentioned making the highest aggregates.

Second Prize

Chris Burkitt, Archie Haslett, Charles Burkitt, Wallace McInroy, Willie Stiles, Isaac McInroy, Simon Mathews, Thomas Prest, Clarence McKeown and Earnest Eastwood.

Third Prize

W. E. Scrimshaw, Chas. Mitz, Henry Redcliffe, John F. Baker, William S. Stiles, Gordon Webb, Elliott West, John Danford, William McInroy, and Carl Caldwell.

Fourth Prize

Hiram Mumby, Garnet Heath, George Mason, D. Wellman Jr., Russell Andrews, Ward Luery, Cyril McKeown, Anson Connors, Angus Mumby and George Wellman.

Fifth Prize

Fred Mack, Leslie Baker, Willie Mumby, Sanford Rombough, Charles Peake, Morley Mason, John Wellman, A. O. Murdoch, Orrie Andrews and Alf McKay.

In addition to above prizes there were also special prizes for those making the best aggregate at each shoot. Continued on Back Page.

COMING EVENTS

Notices under this head 10 cents a line with a minimum charge 35cents each issue

THE MOST CELEBRATED MOVIE of the age "The Covered Wagon" will be presented in the Empire Theatre January 13th. Kindly reserve the date. 15(a)

CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT. Programme to consist of dialogues, choruses, tableaux, recitations etc. 7th line (Fred Snarr) school. Monday, Dec. 22nd at 8 o'clock. 15(a)

CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT at Minto School on evening of December 23rd. Candy Booth. Admission 25c. and 15c. 15(a)

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT—Springbrook Sunday School, Foresters' Hall, Springbrook, on Friday, December 19th. T. J. Thompson, Supt. 15(a)

THE S. S. OF THE METHODIST Church will present their annual Concert on Christmas night in the Theatre. In addition to songs, drills, etc., by the S.S., Mr. Cameron of Toronto, a splendid cultured entertainer has been secured. Tickets 50c. and 35c.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE Entertainment of St. Mark's Sunday School, Bonarlaw, will be held in the Orange Hall, Springbrook, on Monday, Dec. 22nd. Admission, adults 25c., children 15c.

The Letter to Santa Claus



My mamma said for me to write
To dear old Santa Claus tonight;
So I have told him, best I could,
That I have been so very good—
And as he's sure to come our way,
A call on me I know he'll pay;
I'd like a doll, a cart and horn,
And all the joys of Christmas morn.

—Avery J. Wells

Be sure to see—

the inside of front page. It has messages for everyone who is planning for a Merry Christmas.

Friends Give Shower for Miss L. Holden

On Friday evening, December 13th about 65 friends and neighbors of Miss Laura Holden gathered at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Holden and presented her with many beautiful and useful things together with the following address read by Mrs. A. Pyear.

Dear Laura:—
We, a few of your friends, have assembled here this evening to refresh a friendship that we are anxious to keep alive. Through School days, and play days, and work days we have learned to value you as a friend and have always welcomed any occasions that would cement that friendship a little more closely. For that reason we are here to-night and though you may have been absent part of the time from the community, yet we feel that you still belong to the neighborhood. We have always found you true and we also have rejoiced in your promotion in the business world from time to time. This community will still follow you with loving interest and loyal good wishes. We understand you soon expect to leave this place and taking up a permanent residence in another locality but before you go we thought we would like to express our good wishes in some tangible form and we therefore ask you to accept these gifts from your friend of former days with the hope that you may be happy in the use of them.

Signed on behalf of your friends:
Maurice Winsor and Russel Hubel.
Laura replied briefly, thanking them for their kindness and extending a welcome to her home in Belleville at any time. After a dainty lunch was served, all departed for their different homes.

Judge Praises Work of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh

Belleville, December 12th, 1924.
John Leigh Esq.,
House of Refuge,
Belleville, Ont.

DEAR SIR:
I am directed by His Honour Judge Deroche to inform you that the Grand Jury at the General Sessions of the Peace just passed, by their report made special reference to the splendid condition of your institution and expressed their appreciation of the work being done by Mrs. Leigh and yourself.

Signed
B. C. DONNAN,

MARRIED

Watson—Morton

Married on December 12th 1924 by the Rev. A. E. Smart, godfather of the groom, Helen Eliza, third daughter of Mr. John S. Morton and of Mrs. Morton Stirling to James Alexander only son of Mr. A. H. Watson and of Mrs. Watson, Madoe.

Village Council Concludes Business

Financial Statement and Tax Col. lectors Report Received, Fire Alarm System may be Improved.

The Village Council met on Monday evening for the last time before the Nomination for a new Council. All the members were present.

Mr. George Legrow appeared to urge the Council to consider the installation of a better fire alarm system. The Clerk was instructed to write to manufacturers for prices and particulars and to other centres where electric siren alarms are in use to ascertain their efficiency.

Mr. German Sine drew attention to an error in his taxes which was allowed in part. He also appealed again for the removal of the town dump from near his premises.

The following Accounts were passed for payment.

G. H. Luery, postage etc.	3.00
W. C. Moore, cemetery	2.50
R. L. Christie, wood	6.25
John Tanner's part salary	25.00
L. & R. W. Meiklejohn, cemetery	14.95
" " electric main	20.03
" " opera house	.72
" " fire hall	1.75
" " general	3.78
M. W. Sine, part salary	30.00
F. A. Sprental, electric main	3.15
The Masco Co., town hall	3.38
Library Board, rental	50.00
Canadian General Electric, electric main	24.24
F. A. Sprental, drawing fire engine	5.00
Juett Thompson, refund of on dog tax	4.00
Morden Bird, error in taxes	11.00

Dr. M. W. Sine tax collector, reported that \$19,114.84 had been collected to date, leaving a balance of \$557.74 still to collect. This is a slightly better showing than on the closing date last year.

The treasurer's statement up to December 15th was gone into detail. It will be printed in time for the Nomination on December 29th.

Regular Meeting of Epworth League

The Epworth League meeting on Monday evening was under the direction of Mr. Gordon Barrett, leader of the Literary Department.

The chief number on the programme was the Christmas issue of "The Blue Outlook" which was read by the editor, Miss Ruth Eggleton. A lively old-fashioned spelling match followed. The colour count showed an attendance of 64.

Byng Presents Medal

Miss Ida Clare, winner of the County Council medal for the highest marks obtained in the Central Hastings Inspectorate at the High School Entrance Examinations, received her award at the hands of Governor General Lord Byng, at Belleville, on the afternoon of Friday, December 5th. Pupil and Principal alike are to be congratulated upon bringing this distinction to Marmora. Marmora Herald

When You are Worrying

And wondering what to give Father, Brother or—You Know Who—for Christmas, just drop in and let us make some suggestions. We quote a few of our many useful and acceptable Christmas Gifts.



Silk and Wool Scarfs - Bath Robes
Silk and Wool Hose - Lined Gloves
Creme, Silk, Linen and Initialed Handkerchiefs - Silk, Knit and Creme Ties
Shaving Sets - Brace and Garter Sets
Turkish Bath Towels - Sweater Coats
Underwear—2 piece and Combinations
Tie Box - Cans

Come In and Look Around! You are Welcome at Any Time

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UNION BANK OF CANADA

Stirling Branch—W. S. Martin, Manager
Branch also at Spring Brook

We wish for you an old time Christmas—with a back-log crackling on your hearth—a Christmasy Christmas—and the genial Christmas cheer that laughs and thrills and finds an answering sparkle in every eye. And a Happy New Year filled with the joy of living.

THE NEWS-ARGUS

THE QUEEN OF ALL CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

BY CULLEN CAIN.

It seemed to me that I had never seen so many people on a city street before. I tried in vain for a long time to get from my office to the street car stop, but the close-packed throngs held me to a snail's shuffle all the way. And, mind you, it was after 7 o'clock in the evening, and it was a cold and miserable winter night.

Most of the men and women who jammed this street were workers who had to shop after their regular hours. They were tired and suppers, but they were also good-natured and patient with each other as they struggled for progress. Finally I escaped from the press and forced my way into the crowded street car.

And in the seat across the aisle from me I saw the Queen of all Christmas Shoppers. I wish I could tell you. She was a woman of middle age and her cloak and hat were of a fashion years gone by. Her face was kindly still, in spite of the lines traced there by an unkind world. Somehow, it seemed to me that she must have been a beautiful young woman only a few years ago. She was so tired she drooped forward in her seat.

She had with her a little cheap, frail, brightly painted toy wagon; just a two-wheeled wagon, and she held the little old swiveling wheels close between her feet, and her bare hand held the crooked and pathetically small tongue of this vehicle close to her knees.

This wagon was her sole purchase of the day. She bore no other bundle, carried no other merchandise, had no other package, purchase or present.

All the way westward to my destination I sat there and looked at that shopper with fascinated and thoughtful interest. And I wove a little story about her. I was sure she was a widow and that she worked for a living, and that she had one small son. She had stopped downtown after her work was done and had sought through the department stores for something she could afford

to buy to make a Christmas for that boy. She was just as poor as poor could be. That was easy to see from her frayed and sadly worn apparel, and that her work was very hard could not be doubted by any who saw the weary droop of her body and the exhaustion that showed so plainly in her face and eyes.

But try as I would I could not make a sad and pathetic picture of this woman, and about her I cannot weave a sad tale.

For I was sure that, in spite of her poverty and misfortune and weariness she was happy. I cannot tell you why she was happy. She had a grand, I knew, but I did. She had a grand and gorgeous present for that little boy at home. He would have a fine Christmas with that little red wagon, with its sleek wheels and tongue already askew.

Say, it seemed to me that that boy was the luckiest kid in town. Honest! Did he not have a mother who had spent years for that little wagon than any magnate or matron in Ontario would ever spend for the finest, fastest automobile in the world? It would ruin a capitalist to spend as much of his visible working capital as she had spent for a Christmas present.

She was a queen in her own right, this tired, middle-aged woman with only traces of youth and beauty, for she was taking a splendid gift home to her boy who had waited all day alone for her coming. He will have a great Christmas, that boy. Who knows but he may hitch that toy wagon to a star and ascend to great heights? I say, who knows! The children of such a woman as this reach every state that mortals desire. Yea, but it is so. This lad's heritage of that mother and that little red wagon is a thing not to be lightly considered.

Maybe I was dreaming all the way home that night, but I still affirm and declare unto you that I had the honor and the privilege to see at close hand and to ride with the Queen of All Christmas Shoppers.

THE FIRST CUT TREE

"How cold it is!" said little Marie, as she drew her thin shawl round her shoulders. The snow was very deep in the woods, and Marie had been gathering sticks for a fire.

Somehow the snow gave the little girl no joy this year, for her parents were very poor indeed, and Santa Claus would never visit so poor a cottage as theirs.

Suddenly Marie caught sight of an old man hobbling towards her in the distance, bent beneath the weight of a large bundle of faggots. He looked so tired and old that Marie ran forward to him.

"May I help you?" she said kindly. "That bundle must be very heavy!" The old man smiled and allowed her to relieve him of his burden.

"You are very kind, little maiden!" was all he said. They plodded along through the snow for a long while in complete silence. Every moment the bundle that Marie carried seemed to grow heavier, but she never once complained. At last they reached the outskirts of the forest.

ONLY A SNOWBALL.

Here the old man stopped suddenly, and gathered up a handful of snow. He rolled it neatly into a small snowball, and handed it to little Marie, at the same time taking his bundle of sticks from her.

"Thank you, child!" he said. "Accept this gift from me in return for your kindness!"

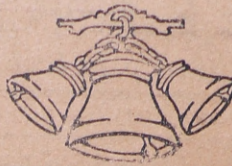
Then he turned, and in a few moments was lost to sight, leaving Marie staring in astonishment at the snowball in her hand.

"What a strange gift!" she thought. "Why, I could make a hundred such myself!"

Nevertheless, she took it home with her, feeling that there must be some meaning in it.

When she had told her parents of her adventure, they laughed very scornfully. "The old man was mad!" said her father. "Throw away the snowball, child!"

But Marie would not do so, and, crossing over to the fireside, melted the snowball on the hob.



Suddenly she gave a cry, and picked up from amid the melting snow a tiny seed.

"See! The old man's gift was not worthless!" she cried. "A seed!" laughed her mother. "And what use is that to you?"

"I will plant it!" cried little Marie, not heeding their laughter, and she planted the little seed just outside the cottage.

ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Then very sadly she went to bed, for it was Christmas Eve; but it was no use hanging up her stocking. Santa Claus never came to their cottage.

But the next morning, when Marie went to her window and looked out, she gave a cry, and, running downstairs, called her parents outside the cottage.

There, on the very spot where she had planted the seed the evening before, had grown a tall, beautiful tree, hung with all sorts of toys, gifts, and lovely things to eat and wear!

"This is magic!" cried her father, as they gazed at the wonder of the tree. They had never seen a Christmas tree before.

"Isn't it beautiful?" cried Marie joyously. "You see, the old man was not mad after all. This is his gift to me. Why, perhaps he was even Santa Claus himself in disguise!"

And I shouldn't wonder if he was!

Trees to Plant Pines.

Pine trees grow better if planted in the fall.

Pictures of robins, holly, and so on came into use on Christmas cards in 1862.

The greatest pack of Alaska salmon was in 1917 and 1918 when a total of 12,400,000 cases were packed.

Two Thousand Years of Yuletide Hymns

Although the Christmas carol can look back on nearly two thousand years of history, its story in England only seems to open in the days of the Plantagenets.

At the British Museum you may see a time-stained parchment on which is written by a monkish hand the first carol of which we have certain knowledge.

It was penned in Norman-French in the thirteenth century, and is better fitted for a convivial gathering than for a religious service.

SONGS OF GAIETY.

This was the type of many of our earliest known carols—songs of gaiety and good cheer such as might form a spirited accompaniment to the steaming wassail-bowl and the flames of goodly logs roaring up spacious baronial chimneys. Such was the character of that "set of carols" which Wynkin de Worde gave to a jolly world in 1521, from his rude press at the "Sign of the Sun" in Fleet Street, London.

As we look through these carols of the days of chivalry we see in imagination the yule-log drawn in triumph from its forest-home, to be greeted at the door of hall or castle by minstrels singing:

Welcome be thou, heavenly King,
Welcome born on this morning,
Welcome for whom we shall sing,
Welcome Yule!

or, in later years, to be welcomed by Herrick's more appropriate lines:

Come bring with a noise,
My merry, merry boys,
The Christmas log to the firing,
While my good dame she
Bids we all be free,
And drink to your heart's desiring.

BETHLEHEM AS A SEAPORT.

Such songs would have been little to the taste of the Franciscan friars, who are said to have originated carols in England about the time of Henry III., mating old ballad-melodies to holy themes—grave and solemn Christmas chants such as "The Sons of Levi":

For we are the true-born sons of Levi,
By the bright and the glorious star.

But with the Reformation came a chastening of high spirits and a return to the carol of more pious days. No more should the holy season be profaned by such a Bacchanalian ditty as:

Lordlings, Christmas loves good drinking,
Wines of Gascoigne, France, Anjou,
English ales that drive out thinking,
Prince of liquors old and new.

In England carollers were to choose among "Certayne goodly Carowles to be songs to the glory of God," published by John Tysedale in 1562; and in Scotland, from a similar selection of "Gude and Godly Ballades," all influenced by the same dismal piety.

We doubt whether the Puritan's approval would have been extended to the carol which describes the vagaries of the three ships which "come sailing in on Christmas day"—
O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
a carol with a goodly swing, in spite of its crude conceptions of geography; or that ancient but evergreen carol, "God rest you, merry gentlemen!"

A POET'S PRESENT.

Happily the best of the old carols have come down to us, such as "The First Nowell," "The Holly and the Ivy," and "What Child is This?"—haunting melodies with an irresistible swing, allied to quaint words which add the charm of story to the spirit of praise.

And to such survivors from ancient days, composers and poets of more recent years have made many welcome additions. Such are "Christians, Awake!" written by John Byrom as a Christmas gift for his little daughter, and first sung at the doorway of Byrom's House, Kersal Cell, near Manchester, on Christmas Eve, 1750; and Gounod's "Cradle Song," the air of which is so simple that a baby might lip it; and yet it was presented to a London audience with all the pomp and dignity that a great orchestra and choir could give it.

CHRISTMAS.

How shall we come to the Christmas of 1924? Shall it be with despair in our hearts of the final triumph of good over evil, or dare we, despite the voices of the present and the dark fears for the future, declare our faith in the words of Browning's innocent child, and say,

"God is in His heaven;

All's right with the world?"

The answer is simple. Leave Him out of His heaven and out of His world, and Christmas, with its glorious song of old, is little less than a mockery. But hold to the faith that has stayed and steadied unnumbered multitudes of earth's finest spirits in days when those about them were saying, "Where is now thy God?" and you will greet the dawn of the new Christmas with a deep and satisfying peace. Here is an optimism that will hail the coming Christmas not because it ignores the facts, but in spite of the facts; an optimism that knows that, though mighty empires have come and gone, and darkness settled over many a nation like an impetrable gloom, the world has steadily, if slowly, rolled out of darkness into light. This is not the only era in human history when civilization has seemed to be drifting toward the rocks, with no watcher at the bow and no hand on the helm.

Would any of us like to go back to the days when man was emerging from his arboreal life? Do we pine for the civilization of Babylon or Egypt, or Rome, with the world mostly slaves? Have we made no progress even through nights of French Revolutions and Russian horrors? Look back over human history and trace the upward climb, and mark the larger world into which humanity has come since that first Christmas day, and despair will give place to hope, and the song of Browning's little maid will not seem so mad a dream.

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Louis, however, was not in the least taken aback.

"Remember this, Auntie," he said solemnly, "I ain't so little as I look from the outside."

Merry Christmas to All.

To our readers—a Merry, Merry Christmas is our holiday message to you. It is a message of love and faith and charity, as befits the Yuletide season. Love unbounded, in memory of the Babe of Bethlehem; faith, unscathed by the hands of time, and charity, inspired by a true spirit of unselfishness.

May you have a stockful of blessings to help brighten each cloudy day.

Moravian Carol.

Hail, thou wondrous infant stranger,
Born lost Eden to regain;
Welcome in thy humble manger,
Welcome to thy creature man—
Hail, Immanuel,
Thou who wast ere time began.

Big Inside.

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Sir Geoffrey Archer who has been appointed as governor-general of the Sudan. Previously he was governor and commander-in-chief of Uganda.

Friendship.

The season whose apex is reached with Christmas and the New Year is valued especially for the emphasis it puts on friendship. In the year that elapsed since the last festival perhaps some among us had forgotten the influx of intense and genial feeling which the Yuletide brings with it, even as we forget the spring, so that each new May is a green miracle and a fresh wonderment.

There are many things for which to give thanks at the threshold of 1925, and for nothing should we be more grateful than for friends. We are not poor till we have lost them. The loss of his throne to a king, or the loss of his fortune to a millionaire, or the loss of health to one who rejoiced in his physical well-being, is not so great an affliction as the loss of a friend to one who greatly cares for those who share the human scene with him.

Friendship is imperishable even on earth, for its quality and its influence inevitably pass into our character. If we choose to be friends with the mean and malignant, not to raise them but to adopt their ways, we shall become mean and malignant too. If we by preference consort with greatness of soul and essential nobility, we must, though imperceptibly to ourselves, absorb something of these qualities into our own beings. As we touch pitch and are defiled, so we communicate with beauty and partake of it. Habitually to dwell with truth and decency and dignity must almost certainly mean a lasting bias in favor of these lovely things. The child who is brought up among ruffians will be fortunate to avoid having his character permanently seared and blasted.

We choose our friends, our friends choose us, because we mutually find congenial impulses and aspirations. The same end must be proposed and the same means approved if friendship is to be fond and lasting. In that greatest friendship of all which subsists between husband and wife there cannot be permanence unless both partners have the same ideals in the planning of a home (which is a personal rather than an architectural affair) and the training of a child. Life is said to be, at best, a very lonely business. We are reminded constantly of upreared walls through

which there is no feeling and over which we cannot look, between one human being and another. But a true, deep friendship discovers to each of us surprisingly how near we may approach through all the barriers of sense and custom and our separate physical frames that are the temples of the indwelling spirit. It is not so much the separate embodiments of our beings as it is the spiritual differences that estrange and prevent our being friends.

A Christmas Song.

There's a song in the air,
There's a star in the sky,
There's a mother's deep prayer,
And a baby's low cry,
And the star rains its fire, while the
Beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles
a King.

In the light of that star
Lie the ages imperaled,
And that song from afar
Has swept over the world,
Every heart is aflame and the
Beautiful sing,
In the home of the nations that
Jesus is King!

—J. G. Holland.

Christmas Greetings.

A pretty and convenient way to display Christmas greeting cards is to fasten each one with small paper clips onto a cord or narrow ribbon stretched across a corner of the room. They look much prettier that way than on a tree.

Christmas Candies

for good little boys and girls

The genial smile of old St. Nick apparently has a psychological connection with our sweet tooth. No sooner do we see his genial smile, or hear his jolly laugh, than we think of candy canes, lollipops, sugared animals, and many other sweets that are found in the Christmas stocking.

During the holiday season nothing is more pleasing to the children, and I will include the grown-ups, too, than to have a handful of candy to munch while enjoying their Christmas stories. These recipes for home-made candy you will find to be accepted in high favor.

FONDANT.

1½ lbs. sugar, ¼ cup water, ¼ tsp. cream tartar, flavoring.
Cook sugar and water slowly and stir until the sugar is dissolved. When boiling, add cream of tartar and cease stirring. When syrup forms soft ball in cold water, pour onto a moistened platter. When cool, stir with a knife until creamy. Form into a large ball and place in earthen jar and cover with damp cloth. This will keep a long time. When ready to use, work in the desired flavoring, coloring and nut meats, or candied fruit, and mold into small pieces.

COCOA CARAMELS.

Two cups sugar, 1 cup molasses, 2

tb. butter, ¼ cup cocoa, 1 tsp. vanilla.
Cook all together except flavoring, until the hard ball stage is reached. Do not stir after sugar is dissolved. Add flavoring and pour into buttered pans. When cold, cut in cubes and wrap in waxed paper.

LOLLIPOPS.

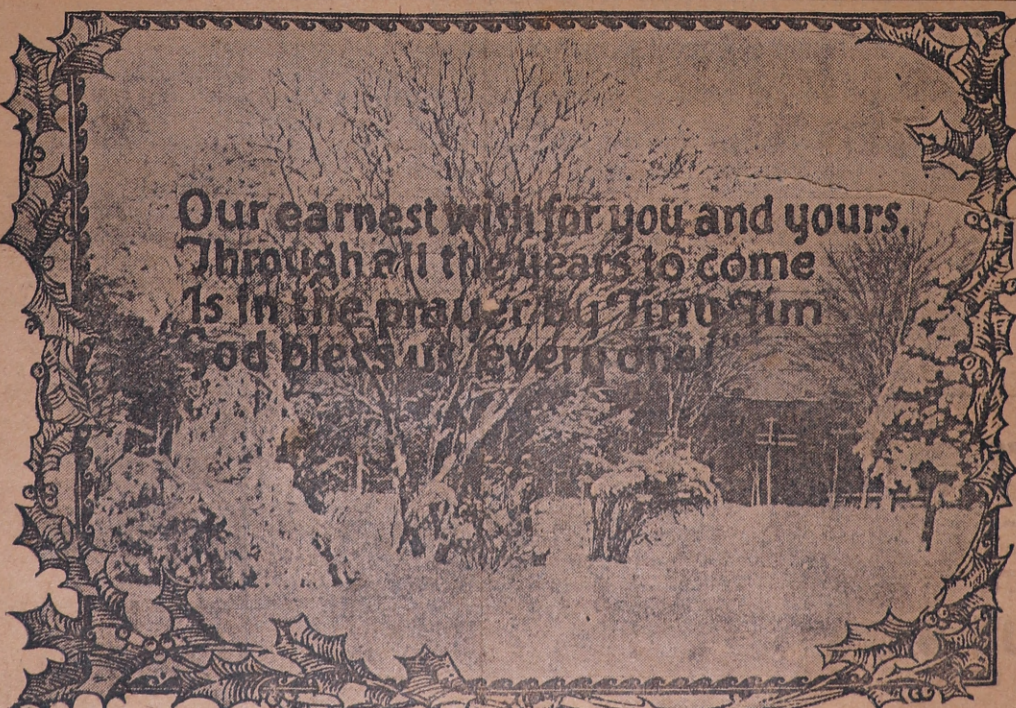
One cup sugar, ¾ cup light corn syrup, ¼ cup water, 8 drops oil of cinnamon, coloring.

Cook sugar, syrup and water, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Then continue cooking until very brittle when dropped in cold water. Add flavoring and coloring, stirring as little as possible. Pour into greased molds and when the lollipops begin to harden, insert the sticks.

CHOCOLATE DIVINITY.

2-3 cups sugar, 2-3 cup light corn syrup, ¼ cup water, 1 tsp. salt, 2 egg whites, 1-3 cup cocoa, 1 cup nut meats, ½ tsp. vanilla.

Cook the sugar, syrup, salt and water, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Then cook to the soft ball stage. Gradually pour the syrup over the egg whites, which have been beaten stiff, stirring constantly. Add cocoa and beat until candy will hold its shape. Add vanilla and nuts and drop by teaspoonfuls on waxed paper.



Our earnest wish for you and yours,
Through all the years to come
Is in the prayer by Jesus
God bless us every one!

Bank of Montreal Annual Meeting

Sir Vincent Meredith Expresses Belief That Canada Will Prosper—Country Offers Inducements to Immigrants Vastly Superior to Those of Other Countries.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor Points Out That Canada Must Put House in Order—People Must Insist on Government Practising Policy of Economy.

The 107th annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was marked by interesting addresses by Sir Vincent Meredith, President, and Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager.

The President declared that he was satisfied "that a gradual improvement in the trade situation is occurring. Statistical returns support this view, and while there is irregularity in the movement, in the main the trend is upward." After pointing out the gratifying growth of a favorable balance of trade, the President declared that he regarded this increase in Canada's foreign trade credit as "an augury of a not distant improvement in domestic business."

The President concluded his address with the following expression of confidence:

"My last word is a word of confidence and encouragement. The interests of your Bank are more closely bound up with those of Canada than ever before and unless Canada prospers the Bank cannot expect the prosperity it should enjoy. I believe Canada will prosper, if it offers inducements to immigrants vastly superior to those of other countries which are at present endeavoring to attract citizens. It stands third amongst the countries of the world in natural resources."

"Yet cardinal virtues should be practiced and if we again stress the necessity for hard work and economy, so often preached and seldom put into practice, and the need for immigration. Given these three things,

The Example of the Pine.

One day a boy and his father who were hunting in the mountains took shelter from the wind in the lee of some great gray boulders that lay like sleeping giants close to the crest of a lonely ridge. As the two looked upward they saw the wild autumn wind lay grim hands on a mountain pine that towered from the summit of the ridge. It was a sentinel that could escape no danger; it was an outpost to receive the first shock of the enemy's attack. Savagely the wind tore at it, shook it violently, howled through its shadowy branches. To the boy the tree, stalwart though it was, seemed about to be blown to pieces.

"Look, father," he said, pointing upward, "what the wind is doing to that pine."

The full fury of the blast just then made the pine shudder and away wildly and heavily despairing against the stormy sky.

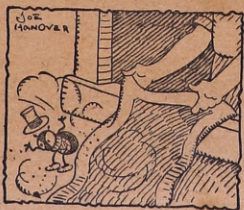
"Storms are an old story to that tree," said the father. "A tree like that, from the time when it is high enough to catch the first breath of wind lives in a struggle. Ten years describes an oak as 'storm-strengthened on a windy site'; and the strongest trees are always those that have weathered the greatest number of gales. Besides, the question is not what is happening to the tree, but what is happening in the tree?"

"The pine doesn't really seem to mind fighting the storm," the boy admitted.

"It's the same with us," the man said. "It really doesn't matter what happens to us, but it matters a great deal what happens in us. You see, a man's character is tested by everything that happens to him; he becomes either weaker or stronger. The test is not nearly so important as the result of the test. If you think clearly, nothing can really happen to you, but everything can happen in you. That old pine is safe because it resisted the first storm years and years ago, and it has kept on resisting. It is getting stronger all the time. Because of what has happened in it nothing harmful can happen to it."

A GRAND MEDICINE FOR LITTLE ONES

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An Exploded Theory. Bug—"Who said 'snug-as-a-bug-in-a-rug'?" Bah!

The Electric Waiter. In a certain restaurant in Detroit, the meals are served by electricity. The diner enters the restaurant, selects his table, notes on the menu the food he requires, drops the menu through a slot in the table, and waits a minute or two. Presently there is a humming noise, and in the centre of the table, on a four-poster tray, appears the food he has ordered.

When the menu is slipped into the slot it drops to the kitchen below; the server there attends to the order, presses a button, and the food is on its way to the table.

When the diner has finished his meal he takes the bill, which has also been delivered by electricity, and pays at the usual cashier's desk.

Payment for articles advertised in this column should be made with Dominion Express Money Orders—a safe way of sending money by mail.

The Homer Pigeon.

What is known as a Homer or Homing pigeon, is one that will return to its home or loft from a distance. An ordinary pigeon might be called a Homer if it has this homing instinct, but what the pigeon world calls a Homer is the Antwerp, a breed that originated in Belgium. It has the sagacity and endurance to travel hundreds of miles. It seems likely that the old artists, Dragons and Horses, were used for carrying messages. All pigeons are strongly attached to their homes and will fly back to them, so far as their powers allow them to.

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The Sad Condition of a Brandon Lady—How Relief Came.

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The Inchcape Rock.

Many poems are unknown to the modern schoolboy that used to delight his youthful grandfather. Who now declaims Southey's spirited ballad of the Inchcape Rock, once so popular with budding orators? Do young voices in their teens, magnificently cracking inopportunely at the climax, still proclaim from the school platform to their critically attentive fellows how—

"Sir Ralph, the Rover, tore his hair; He curst himself in his despair; The waves rush in on every side; The ship is sinking beneath the tide!"

It is to be feared not; Southey is a neglected poet nowadays. But the story of the Inchcape Rock—or Bell Rock, as it is oftener called in our day—is interesting from the fact. Sir Ralph the Rover, insolently removing the warning bell buoyed over the reef by the pious and benevolent Abbot of Aberbrothock, and later himself wrecked upon the unguarded rock, is, like the good Abbot, a figure rather of tradition than of history; but a bell there was, long preceding any light. The building of the present Bell Rock Light, as it is related in F. A. Talbot's *Lighthouses and Lightships*, is as fine a story as Southey's tale of the pirate and the Abbot's bell.

It was in 1806 that the Commissioners for Northern Lighthouses decided to put up a tower on the long, low, lonely reef twelve miles from the coast of Scotland—a reef two thousand feet long, entirely submerged at high tide and falling steeply away on all sides to deep water. Until the tower had risen to a fair height work was possible only on the calmest days of the summer and then during but five hours a day. It was before the era of steam, and men and materials were dependent on the perilous and difficult manoeuvring of sailing craft in the complex racing currents with their sudden changes—manoeuvring often made even more difficult by the weather's turning against them.

Once while some of the men were at work on the rock their vessel and tender broke adrift in steaming fog and rising wind. The workmen were too intent on their work to observe their danger, but not so their engineer, Robert Stevenson, who was that day superintending the job in person, and who realized their plight only too well. But he said nothing, and only when they laid down their tools to leave did the men realize that they were caught and were more than likely to be drowned before the boats could beat back. Indeed it was not their own boats, but a pilot boat that fortunately came to their rescue just as the water was beginning to lap about their feet.

They were so drenched, exhausted and terrified that out of thirty-two only eight could return to work next day; but, after a day's rest the twenty-four others had recovered their nerve and were back on the job. The tower, a hundred and twenty feet high, was completed in 1810. It still stands, though its "ruddy gem of changeable light," as Sir Walter Scott called it, now shines from a modern light chamber with vastly improved power and brilliance.

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This stunt does not amount to much if badly presented. With a little care in working up the effect, however, it can be made very puzzling. The effect is that a spectator places a tumbler on the table, drops a coin into it and covers it with a handkerchief. The performer pretends to magnetize the hidden coin. At his command it jumps up and down the glass, ringing any number requested. At any rate, it seems to do that because the spectators, who are not too near, hear it ring. The secret is another tumbler, a small one, in the trickster's hip pocket. In this is a coin to which a thread is attached. The other end of the thread is fastened around a suspender button on the left side. The thread is slack enough so that the spectator can catch it around the little finger of his left hand. An imperceptible movement of the little finger will cause the coin in the hidden glass to hop up and down, making the ringing sound. At a few feet it will appear to come from the glass on the table.

The best part of the trick is to make suspicious movements with the right hand, leading the spectators to believe that the coin in the glass on the table is animated by a thread attached to it. If some confident spectator snatches the handkerchief away and accuses the trickster of doing the trick in that manner, the trickster can easily turn the laugh on him and at the same time divert attention from the real solution of the mystery.

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HEALTH EDUCATION

BY DR. J. J. MIDDLETON
Provincial Board of Health, Ontario.

Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

The health of many men and women engaged in certain industries is affected by benzol, a product largely used in this province in the preparation of rubber for commercial purposes.

Too often in the past, before the effects of benzol poisoning were known, and measures taken to counteract it, there was a considerable amount of somewhat unexplainable sickness, through such conditions as loss of energy and loss of appetite, general weakness, sleeplessness and irritability. These and other symptoms of a kindred nature indicated that something was wrong, but just what the trouble actually was, constituted a problem. Knowing the effects of benzol poisoning, investigations were made by physicians from the Ontario Dept. of Health, in plants where this commodity was used. One of the first tests consisted in making an examination of the blood of the persons working there, to see if the amount of red and white corpuscles were up to the standard. In nearly every case where the worker had been submitted to the fumes of benzol for a considerable length of time, there was a diminution in the white blood count resulting in the symptoms already mentioned. Just how many people in the province are subjected to benzol fumes has not been determined up to the present,

but at any rate, there is definite proof that the poisoning from this source constitutes a health hazard, the injurious effects of which cannot be minimized. It might be opportune to mention at this point that benzol is very active solvent for rubber. It is efficient and economical in all trades in which rubber has to be used. Its only two disadvantages, and both are formidable, are that the fumes are poisonous and highly inflammable. It will, therefore, be seen at once that measures have to be taken to control the fumes of benzol and quickly and efficiently remove them from workshops and factories where people are employed.

A few days ago I visited a large canning factory in this province where benzol is used in the manufacture of rubber rings for the lids of airtight cans. Really one or two of the workers employed in the industry died and the cause of death was attributed to benzol poisoning. As a result, very active interest is now being taken by the management in the health of the workers, and every possible effort is being made to remove the danger of benzol poisoning. Powerful exhausts have been installed over the ovens where the benzol fumes are evaporated and these exhausts draw away a very large amount of the fumes. Except directly at the intake of the exhaust, the odor of benzol is hardly discernible. As a further precaution, the workers are subjected to a blood examination every month or six weeks, and if any indication of anaemia is found, the affected person is either transferred to another department or allowed to go home for a period of rest and recuperation. The management has further shown its interest in the workers by providing a pint of fresh milk each morning for every worker in the benzol department, and this innovation has proved doubly successful in that it has stimulated the employees and especially the women employees to bring sandwiches, etc., to take with the milk. Many of these women, worried with household cares had hitherto time for only a cup of tea or coffee before coming to work. The provision of milk has brought about a better standard of health for every worker so favored, and in addition has reduced the time lost through sickness. Efforts are being made by the Industrial Hygiene Division of the Provincial Department of Health to interest all employers in the health of their workers, so that active measures may be taken to preserve the health of all classes of people engaged in industry and so bring about a better standard of health and living conditions not only for the workers themselves but also for their families and dependents.



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BORROWED THOUGHTS

And what is a weed? A plant
whose virtues have not been dis-
covered.

New Fire Alarm Needed

Stirling needs a better fire alarm. The old cracked bell may serve the purpose in the summer when windows are all open, but its dulcet tones are scarcely strong enough for the winter months, when incidentally, fires are more likely to occur. A good siren would be vastly more effective and its cost might easily be offset by the saving of property at a single fire. Some of the firemen did not know of the fire at Mr. Belshaw's last Friday until, happening to glance out of their windows they saw the glow on the evening sky.

Keeping Christmas

Some people scoff at the spirit of Christmas; others merely observe the day and others still, keep it. The first class generally pose as superior individuals. They would not deign to give gifts, or to join in the festivities of a season that brings joy to countless thousands and every year. They are the natural successors of the Lyrics of old. The second are more like the Stoics. They look on patiently, go through the form of observing in every way, but catch little or none of its spirit. It is those who are willing to forget what they have done for other people and to remember what others have done for them, who overlook for a little, what the world owes them and think of what they owe the world, who really enjoy the greatest of Christian festivals. For Christmas is a time for looking behind the face of people and realizing that their hearts are hungry for joy. It is a time for taking stock of the fact that life is not all getting, but that it is also giving, wholeheartedly, without thought of the reward. It is a time too, for realizing that love is stronger than hate, than evil, or even death. That was the essence of the message brought into the world by the Babe of Bethlehem twenty centuries ago, but men have been slow of heart to believe. The Christmas season

helps to impress that truth for one day at least—and if for one day, why not for every day?

Friends Give Shower to Mr. and Mrs. Preston

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 3rd, a number of friends and neighbors from Stirling and surrounding community gathered at the home of Mrs. Dodwell in Rawdon to spend a social evening with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Will Preston, who were recently married, and presented them with a miscellaneous shower.

Mr. Will Drewry ably called the gathering to order and Miss B. Rose bush read the following address:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Preston—
Having learned of your recent marriage, we, your friends and neighbors of this community think it opportune to gather here to-night to spend a social evening with you.

Since you both have been in our country but a short time, we would like to extend to you a Canadian hand of friendship, and welcome you in our country. Along with these gifts which we ask you to accept, we bring our best wishes and hope that you will have a long and happy wedded life.

Signed on behalf of your friends and neighbors

MR. CHAS. VANCE
MRS. WILL DREWRY
MISS B. ROSEBUSH

After the presents had been displayed Mr. and Mrs. Preston made very suitable replies thanking the people for the gifts and good wishes. After spending an enjoyable and sociable time the friends left at an early hour, feeling that it was a well spent evening.

Burnbrae News

The annual meeting of the "Busy Bees" Y. W. A. was held last Saturday at Bertha Wallace's and a Life Membership certificate was presented to Miss Jean Rennie (Honorary President) who was very much taken by surprise. The following officers for the coming year were elected:
Hon. Pres.—Miss Jean Rennie.
Pres.—Marjorie Rennie.
1st Vice Pres.—Irene Thompson.
2nd " — Sylvia Whitton.
Sec.—Jean Craighead.
Treas.—Leola Hay.
Organists—Helen Oddie, Fern Wetherill.
Ducks and geese seem to be changing many hands lately as shooting matches seem to be the order of the day.
Miss Sylvia Whitton returned home last week after spending a few weeks in Toronto.

Blairton News

We extend congratulations to the News-Argus and staff for a Happy Christmas free from all sorrow this blessed 1924.
We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Adelia Martin Cooke. Your correspondent has known her all her life and found her always a lovable and good lady.

Mr. Fred Anuger of Edwards, N.Y., was recently calling on his old friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peterson and babe of Campbellford Hydro Co. were guests of her mother. Also Mr. H. Peterson was a guest at his mother's on Sunday.
Miss Dora Nicholson of Thorold is the expected guest of Miss Edith Cole.

Everywhere the schools and churches are preparing for their Christmas entertainments.
It is very cold, but, as usual, the hunters are reaping a fur harvest.
Miss McGee spent last week with her cousin, Mrs. Jos. Hofman of Havelock.

ELLIOTT'S

Christmas Note of Cheer

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"Stay yourselves and Wonder"—
Isa. 20-9. Unto us a child is born and His name shall be called Wonderful. Isa. 9:6

We have the misfortune to be living in the most wonderful age of the world's history. Yes, I said "misfortune." And why? Because we are in danger of losing the finest of our God-given and God-revealing senses: the Sense of Wonder. We are too grown-up. We are losing the child's precious gift of wonder. We are not eager to find God's surprises. We are losing the child heart, the wondering heart, that is the key to all knowledge. We live in an age of marvels. One wonderful invention follows another. There is no limit to the inventions of man. On September 22nd the first circumnavigation of the world by air was accomplished. But this feat is almost already forgotten. A few weeks ago the greatest non-stop flight was made from Europe to America. Ten days ago a radio pen controlled in England

sketched the picture of "Our Prince of Baldwin and Coolidge in New York. We are nearing the time when "there shall be no more sea" as a barrier between the continents. And yet we seldom "stay ourselves to wonder"

Let us be thankful that every child that is born still wonders. What more precious than the look of astonishment in the eyes of a child on Christmas morning. God is near to us then, "These little ones which believe in Me." Do the children believe in the spiritual? Let the wonder of Christmas morning be the answer. It was Infinite Wisdom that designed that the race should be carried on by succeeding generations of children who believe and wonder. The great Pasture never lost his divine astonishment, 'Twas he who said: "To be astonished at anything is the first movement toward discovery."

There are those who think it foolish to "stay themselves to wonder." They would eliminate the signs and wonders which He did. I like the miraculous in our holy faith. "I love to lose myself in a mystery." "How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out." Those who are often "lost in wonder, love and praise" get the most out of life. Those nearest the child in heart are nearest to God in heaven.

But of all the "Wonders of the World" Isaiah saw the greatest when he exclaimed "Unto us a child is born and His name shall be called Wonderful." It was a wonderful love that gave such a wonderful gift. Men ask

"what think ye of Christ?" Sat close to Him and you will bow in Wonder before Him. He is not only a Wonder worker, but He is wonderful in sympathy, in wisdom and in love—Let us bow in wonder—this is the true spirit of Christmas.
Thee let age, and Thee let manhood,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

To the Electors of the Village of Stirling.
A public meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, December 29th at 7 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the positions of Reeve and Councillors for the year 1925, and to nominate candidates for School Trustees to serve on the Board of Education for the year 1925. The following are the retiring members of the Board of Education: Dr. H. H. Alger, Bert Bedford, F. T. Ward.
G. H. LUERY, Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Stirling Council wish to notify all citizens that according to By-law No. 215 all citizens must remove all snow from walks adjoining their property, failing which men will be hired to do the same and the costs entailed will be added to the taxes of such property.
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Local and Personal

We hope our readers will consider
this column their very own. We
always appreciate receiving items
of local interest by telephone (59)
post card or by a friendly call at the
office.

Mr. Harold Elliott has joined the staff
at F. T. Ward's Store.

Turkish guest sets \$1.15 to \$2.40 at
Ward's. 15(a)

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall spent the
week end in Toronto.

Miss Lillian McGuire, of the teaching
staff of the Public School, was confined
to the house yesterday with a heavy
cold.

Silk and English Broadcloth Shirts
neatly boxed \$3.00 and \$5.00 at
Ward's. 15(a)

We are glad to learn that Mr. R. P.
Coulter is making steady recovery
from his recent illness.

Miss Myrtle Spencer is assisting in
Messrs. G. H. Luery and Son's store
until after the holidays.

Santa suggests an overcoat. See
Ward. 15(a)

Mr. S. Caskey of Frankford spent
Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs.
Robt. Reid.

Mr. Wm. West has purchased a half
interest in Stirling Creamery from
Mr. Thos. Cranston.

Mrs. T. H. McKee has received an-
other case of oranges from her son, C.
W. McKee, California.

A man's own choice, Crepe, Foulard
and knit ties in gift boxes, 50c. to \$1.50
at Ward's. 15(a)

Mr. T. Earl Heard of Pharmacy Col-
lege, Toronto, arrived home Tuesday
to spend the Christmas holidays with
his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos.
Heard.

Messrs. Stewart, Daly and Hubble of
Campbellford and Rev. John were Sun-
day Evening guests at Mr. Ed. Montgom-
ery's, near Mt. Pleasant

Mrs. C. I. Hutton and children Beth and
Bob of Toronto arrived in Stirling on
Sunday and will spend the holiday with
Mr. Lindsay Melkiejohn and Miss Wes-
cott.

Messrs. H. L. Vanallen and W. Har-
low left yesterday morning with one
hundred and forty birds to attend
Oshawa Poultry Show.

Mr. Neill Bissonnette, Science Mas-
ter, Seaforth Collegiate Institute, is
expected home on Saturday for the
Christmas vacation.

Messrs. Ray Atkin, K. Thompson, C.
Fargy, E. Wilson, E. Wood, G. Bird,
G. Melkiejohn, W. Spencer, R. Reid
and F. Hodgins returned from Toronto
on Saturday, where they attended a
series of lectures and demonstrations
in feeding and marketing bacon hogs.
They report that the course was very
interesting and instructive.

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George Runnalls 58; John Fleming 52;
Edwin Faulkner 49; Alice Lee 48; Jr.
III Helen Runnalls 58; Lottie Fleming
Irene Cranston equals 45; Jr. II Paul
Stewart 70; Arthur Fleming 61; Carl
Fleming 45; Donald Heath 34; Sr. I
Lorne Bailey 61; Kietha Fleming 42;
Pr. (B) Donald Stewart; Melbourne
Cooper; Clarence Moon.
G. I. Glover, Teacher.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. R. Good and family wish to ex-
press their sincere thanks to their
friends and neighbors for their many
kindnesses and expressions of sym-
pathy during their recent bereavement.

Wedding Bells

HAGERMAN—HOLDEN

A quiet wedding was solemnized at
the Methodist parsonage, Stirling, on
Dec. 17th, at nine o'clock, a.m. by Rev.
C. W. Barrett, when Laura Holden
eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.
Holden, Stirling, was united in holy
bonds of matrimony to Joseph Hager-
man of Belleville. The couple were
unattended and only immediate rela-
tives were present. The bride, who
was given in marriage by her father,
was frocked in brown valetta trimmed
with fur, suede shoes and hat to match.
After the ceremony the happy couple
left by train, amidst showers of confetti
and rice, for New York, Philadelphia
and Atlantic City. After their honey-
moon Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman will
take up their residence in Belleville.

ENTERPRISE CHEESE CO.

The annual meeting of above com-
pany will be held at the Factory on
Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, at one o'clock, for
transaction of the general business of
the company. 15(a) W. T. SINE, Pres.

Hoards Cheese & Butter Co.

The above company will hold their
annual meeting at the factory on
Friday, Dec. 19th at 1 o'clock for the
general transaction of business.
A. Heagle, Pres. 14b

Sunday Services

Methodist Church

PASTOR—REV. C. W. BARRETT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 1924
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m.—"The King's Birthday."
7 p.m.—"The Nazareth Home,"
CHRISTMAS MUSIC
Morning
Anthem—"Christians Awake, Sal-
ute the Happy Morn," by Maunders.
Solo—"The Birthday of a King,"
Bessie Conley,
Anthem—"Peace on Earth," by Sim-
per.
Solo—"For the children" "The Little
Christ Child," G. L. Clute.
Evening
Anthem—"Arise, Shine," by Simper
Solo—"There Were Shepherds,"
G. L. Clute.
Anthem—"And He Shall Reign," by
Churchill.
Monday, 8 p.m.—Epworth League

CARMEL, SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH
Service—2.30 p.m.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Young Peoples'
League.

Presbyterian Church

MINISTER—REV. ROBT. SIMPSON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER, 21ST
10 a.m.—Sabbath School
Rev. Colin Young, D.D., of Toronto
will conduct the services at 11 a.m.
and 7 p.m.
7 p.m. W. M. S. service; subject,
"Women's Work in Missions."
GUILD—Monday, 8 p.m.
Choir practise, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Rawdon Circuit Notes

REV. FRED G. JOBLIN, Pastor,
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 1924.
Wellmans—10.30 a.m.
Bethel—2.30 p.m.
Mt. Pleasant—7.00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19th.—Special Christ-
mas service. Christmas Entertain-
ment at Community Hall. Mt. Pleas-
ant.

Monday, Dec. 22nd—Bethel Teach-
er Training Class at Mr. Thos. Mc-
Mullin's.

Dec. 23rd—Wellman's S. S. Christ-
mas Entertainment in Orange Hall.

Shamrock Cheese Co.

The annual meeting of the Sham-
rock Cheese Manufacturing Company
will be held at the factory on Monday
Dec. 22nd at one o'clock for the pur-
pose of the transaction of the general
business of the company.

Tenders will be received up to the
above date for the manufacturing of
cheese and separating whey for the
season of 1925. J. W. Sager, Pres.

14b

Evergreen Cheese & Butter Co.

The annual meeting of The Ever-
green Cheese and Butter Co. will be
held at the factory on Tuesday Dec.
23rd at 1 o'clock sharp for settling up
of the Season's business. Election of
Officers, letting of mk. routes drawing
cheese and any other business that
may come before the company.
Robert Lannigan
President

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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams
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The Annual meeting of the above
will be held in the factory, on Satur-
day, Dec. 27th at 1 o'clock, for the
transaction of business pertaining to
the Company. W. B. TOLTON,
Pres. 15(b)

Harold Cheese & Butter Co.

The Annual Meeting of Harold
Cheese and Butter Co. will be held at
the factory on Monday, December
22nd, 1924 at one o'clock sharp. Busi-
ness; Election of officers; Receiving
reports. General business.
W. H. HEATH, CHAS. MUMBY,
Secretary. President.

Sterling Cheese Company

The Annual General meeting of the
Sterling Cheese Company will be held
at the Factory on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd,
1924 at 1 o'clock p.m. for settling up
of the season's business, Election of Of-
ficers, selling milk routes and any
other business in connection with the
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Pres. 14(b)

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About the House

STOCKING TOYS.

As a general thing, most old stockings are thrown away when they are too worn-out to darn any more.

But we will continue to make toys from ours that will more than delight the babies and small children.

Do not use silk ones; they split too readily, and the plain-lisle are apt to stretch. The ribbed ones are best, and be sure they have no holes in the legs, for that is the part to use.

For a funny old "mammy doll" proceed as follows: Cut off the foot and sew the leg straight across the top, so as to form a bag. Then decide how big you want your doll, for the longer the leg the bigger she will be.

Stuff with cotton or old rags—more stockings cut up small will do—till the head is round and large enough. Then tie a string tightly around the neck to hold it in place and form the head. Stuff the rest of the body and sew up the bottom.

For arms and legs, take a piece of stocking the desired length, roll up and wrap tightly with black thread, sewing at the bottom. Tie a string a little way up to form the hand.

The legs are made the same way, but turn up about an inch at right angles to the leg to form a foot and catch with a few stitches, then sew the arms and legs on the doll.

Outline the features with white thread, making large goggle eyes and a big mouth with stitches taken across it for teeth. Dress mammy in any scraps you may have, but be sure to make her an apron and a head handkerchief with stick-up ears.

A dear little girl doll is made the same way from a white stocking, and dressed in dainty clothes, with the features done in colors—blue eyes, red mouth and perhaps a touch of rouge on her pale cheeks. If she has a little cap, she needs no hair.

The funniest sort of witch's black cat is made by making the head and body the same way, then pinching up the two corners of the head for ears, gathering them a little and fastening with a few tight stitches. Do not sew on legs and arms; they can be outlined on the body with white, if liked, or left out altogether. Outline the features and whiskers in white, with a touch of green or yellow for the eyes. Make quite a long tail, wrapped like the doll limbs, and sew on tightly.

A rabbit is made from a white stocking by adding long ears to the body made like the cat, with a tail of a wad of cotton sewed on. The ears should be cut out separately and doubled and turned and sewed on. They are less trouble made from white flannel. Outline the features in black. He and the cat may have a ribbon tied around their necks, with perhaps a bell.

THE FEET AND ANKLES.

The appearance of the feet and ankles is of great importance, now that short skirts and low shoes are so generally worn. While it is impossible for every one to have a small foot, certainly every one can have a neat and dainty-looking foot. The last place to economize is on shoes. It is better to wear one fairly high-priced pair of shoes throughout a season, than two cheap pairs.

Of course you will not be able to wear well-fitting shoes comfortably if the feet hurt. I do not mean that shoes should be tight, but neither should they be too loose; one produces corns as much as the other. Given the right sort of footwear, it is quite possible to keep the feet healthy without ever having to go to a chiropodist.

The feet, as well as the body, should be bathed daily; not just given a careless washing, but scrubbed with mild soap and a flesh brush. Then they should be dried well and gone over with a corn file. Every callus should be rubbed down, the corns softened by soaking and either filed down, or if very bad, the top callus skin should be cut off with cuticle scissors. It is quite possible to do this without touching any of the living tissue. Very stubborn corns should be bound up with a slice of lemon over them—next day the hard skin will easily come off. Tender feet should be soaked in hot salt water, the proportion being a cupful of sea-salt to a quart of hot water. This rests the feet, and hardens them. If the skin of the foot is very dry, there is nothing better than sweet-oil or vaseline to use as a daily massage. In fact, corns and calli rubbed daily with sweet-oil, vaseline, or cold cream, will eventually disappear. One woman has been successful in

reducing enlarged joints (bunions) by applying turpentine, night and morning; in fact, she declares that the turpentine "almost shrinks the bone."

We repeat the remedy for split skin (between the toes): When the skin splits between the toes, apply chalk, the kind used for writing upon blackboards. Procure a stick of the chalk, scrape off the outer layer and throw this away. Scrape the remaining chalk to a fine powder and dust this powder between toes. The chalk has a drying effect which is very healing and gives quick relief.

If free of the common ailments of the feet, and a moderate amount can be spent for shoes, every woman can boast of neat and attractive-looking feet. Size does not matter so much; the large woman must have large feet or she will look too heavy. If they seem too big, however, she should carefully avoid fancy styles of footwear, and buy nothing but the plainest and best.

PATCHING UP THE MIRROR.

We have a mirror from which the silver has come off in several places. Could you tell me what I could do to it?—Mrs. C. H.

Clean the bare portion of the glass by rubbing it gently with fine cotton, taking care to remove any trace of dust and grease. If this cleaning be not done very carefully, defects will appear around the place repaired. With the point of a penknife, cut upon the back of another looking glass around a portion of the silvering of the required form, but a little larger. Upon it place a small drop of mercury; a drop the size of a pin-head will be sufficient for a surface equal to the size of the nail. The mercury spreads immediately, penetrates the amalgam to where it was cut off with the knife, and the required piece may be now lifted and removed to the place to be repaired. This is the most difficult part of the operation. Then press lightly the renewed portion with cotton; it hardens almost immediately, and the glass presents the same appearance.

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FRENCH ONION SOUP.

Winter is the season for thick soups, and this one which, with a liberal chunk of bread, makes a whole meal for the Breton peasant, is especially good. Peel four large onions and two carrots. The onions should be chopped fine, and the carrots diced. Put them into an enameled ware saucepan with three tablespoonfuls of butter and saute them until the onions are well browned. Use a quarter teaspoonful of sugar and half a teaspoonful of salt. Add a quart of water and boil for two hours, adding more water as it boils away. This soup should be served with a slice of bread in each plate.

Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd.)

"I have something to say too!" answered Peter gaily, for it was a spring day and all the world seemed young and gay. "If we have to avoid May, it must be not later than the twenty-ninth of April—our wedding, I mean—for I don't propose to wait till June."

She sat down suddenly, as if her limbs failed her, and began, with the hazel stick she carried, to draw strange hieroglyphics among the pine needles at her feet.

He took a step nearer to her and touched her shoulder.

"Darling!" he said, passionately, "say it will be the twenty-ninth. You kept me in a state of uncertainty so long, I'm going to take the law into my own hands. Do you hear? The Lees needs and wants its mistress, and I am tired of waiting."

It seemed a long, long time before she spoke, and then she rose to her feet and looked at him quite straightly, but very strangely, in the face.

"I am very sorry, Peter, but I can't marry you at all."

CHAPTER IV.

THE MARCH DYKE.

A lover, secure in the knowledge of love given and returned, might have taken the words as a jest, to be frowned or laughed over as the occasion seemed to demand; but the tone in which Carlotta uttered them, the set and almost anguished expression of her face, drove them home with relentless force.

Even at the moment when he knew their finality, Garvock tried to make light of them.

"Oh, come, marry me!" he repeated. "You can't marry me!" he repeated. "It is not a very kind jest between you and me at this late day!"

"It is not a jest," she answered dully. "I would not make that kind of jest. It would be unseemly. Besides, I am not a jesting woman."

"Why?" he stammered, "why this change of front?"

But this time she had no direct answer ready. Her eyes evaded his and sought to follow the flight of a bird on the wing.

Presently, however, she brought them back to his face.

Her expression had changed again, for swift and bewildering variety was one of the chief charms of that mobile face.

"I think you can't be very much surprised. We have been engaged just three weeks, but have you ever had, in that time, any feeling of security or happiness?"

"I had your promise," he said gloomily, "the promise I am going to claim."

"You remember the day it was given?" she asked swiftly. "It was not a happy day. It is not yet so far away but that you can recall precisely what I said."

"You said you did not care for me," he answered, readily enough. "But I answered that I could teach you."

"And you remember what I said in answer to that? 'Love gives itself. It is not bought.'"

His face flushed dully.

"I was not seeking to buy your love, Carlotta. Be just to me. I did not so much as mention material things."

"Oh, no!" she said, with a swift glance of compassion for him. "It was I who was mercenary, sordid, base! I told you I was tempted as a poor woman can be tempted by a rich man."

I said horrible things, which afterwards I hated myself for. But your patience was boundless."

"Because I cared so much, Carlotta," said Peter Garvock with a strange humility. "Besides, I did not believe the half of them. I understood you better than you understand yourself."

For the first time, she studied his strong, harsh face attentively, thinking of the pity of it, and, here, given love—the right woman might find and cherish the gold of a nature that wore its most forbidding character in its own outside.

"If you understand me then, Peter, try to understand me now," she said, in a low, sweet voice. "I am very miserable. I wish we had never met. Try

to forget that we ever have, or that these weeks had being."

"The man who has known you for three weeks, and been permitted to look into your eyes, doesn't forget, Carlotta," he said with a melancholy touch, a touch of poetry, even, which surprised her afresh.

It made her dumb in front of her colossal task. For Peter Garvock was no weakling to be tossed hither and thither on the froth of a woman's dream. He would probe deeper. The dreary conviction that nothing but the truth would satisfy him, penetrated Carlotta's soul.

"Somebody has been talking to you," he said, encouraged by her silence, and by the unvoiced sweetness and pathos of her looks. "Tell me who it is, that I may go and crush their lies and innuendoes."

She shook her head.

"Nobody has been talking. None would dare. Oh, Peter, can't you understand that I have never cared could care, and that I am saving you, as well as myself, from a misery too great to be imagined or endured?"

"I said I would take the risks, even of being married for my money," he said doggedly. "And I'm taking them twenty-ninth of April."

"No, no! No, no!"

Just those four syllables—nothing more!

"You remember I said if you were so desperate as to take the risks, I would try," she went on, drearily. "But I warned you of the kind of woman I was. I even warned you that, among other things, that might happen, was the other man. He has been known to come into married lives before this, and to destroy such peace as existed."

"That would never have happened with you, Carlotta!" he answered proudly. "If a man trusted you with his honor, it would be safe."

The tribute touched her inexpressibly, nay, more—it drove her irresistibly to the truth. She fixed her eyes on his now set and gloomy face, and spoke quite quietly.

"Peter, I am twenty-five years of age, and a good many men have spoken to me about this love. Every one to believe in its existence, at least to think it never would exist for me."

But I was wrong. It is the biggest astrous in the world—and the most disastrous."

"Then, if I have taught you that much," he cried joyfully, "the rest will be easy."

"Oh, but—but it is not you! Don't you see that if it had been you, there would have been no need for all this talk?"

Then Peter Garvock's expression changed indeed, and became terrible. The blackness of his hair and eyes accentuated the sickly paleness of his face, outraged by the deepest passions which can ravage the soul of man.

"Then who—who is it? Someone you have seen since we met last?" he demanded thickly.

Then all at once his eyes were opened. The scales fell from them and he knew!

"It is Stair!" he cried in an awful voice. "That hound and blackguard, that breaker of women's hearts—Alban Rankine!"

He was at once answered and rebuked by the majesty of Carlotta's look. She stepped across the pine needles, and laid her hand, so light and firm yet compelling, on his arm.

"Listen, Peter Garvock. You and I, and all the other men and women in the world, are but players on the board. We move a little this way or that, but the final moves, the big stratagems, are not in our hands. That Alban Rankine and I should meet; and love, and belong to one another, has been ordained from the beginning of time. I knew it that day when you brought him to me at the Clock House. Did you feel nothing of the strange currents with which the air was charged?"

"I wish I had choked his black heart out of him before I brought him!" cried Peter Garvock, almost foaming at the mouth. "But he shall

never have you, Carlotta! Never while I live!"

She shrank back, the woman in her quailing momentarily before the fury of his face.

"And all this high-falutin' nonsense about your being ordained for one another from the beginning of time! I wonder how many women he has led on that tack since he began?" he went on, his evil passion rising with every word.

Carlotta put up an arresting hand. "I must leave you, Peter Garvock. All this talk will serve no end. I may never be Alan Rankine's wife—I will probably never shall be, but I will never be yours. I ask your forgiveness for—for these three weeks of folly and misery! Some day you will have done this and thank me for when she would have turned from him he gazed her arm."

(To be continued.)

The Sheikh's Justice.

The sheik of an Arab tribe, says Mr. Paul Harrison in a recent issue of Asia, exercises unlimited power; of him it may be said as it was of Nebuchadnezzar, "Whom he would he slew and whom he would he kept alive." The only check upon his actions is public opinion and the likelihood of its expressing itself in the form of assassination if he becomes too unpopular. The office is hereditary and in the natural course of events passes to the eldest son, but occasionally, if the heir is obviously a man of no force, one of the other children assumes it instead. "The able ruler is the man wanted and the one eventually secured. No one cares much to what family he belongs."

Able some of the sheiks certainly are, and according to their lights and traditions just, although the frightful severity of the punishments inflicted would often seem to the more merciful mind of the Occident out of all proportion to the offenses committed. Flogging, cutting off the hands and decapitation are frequent. But Mr. Harrison tells of one act of justice, severe in its way, it is true, but such as to win approval in the Western world no less than in the Orient.

Ibu Jilawi, Governor of Hasa, holds his court in Hofuf, the capital. He rules with a rod of iron, and the rich and powerful may expect no favors at his hands. He is absolutely incorruptible and impartial.

One day there appeared before him as complainant a poor and ignorant villager whose cow some boys on a hunting expedition had shot and killed. A careful description of the party made it possible to gather the entire number before the governor. The villager did not know the name of the ring-leader, but on being asked if he could identify him at once pointed him out. To his horror he learned that the lad was Ibu Jilawi's own son.

"Did you do this?" the father asked sternly.

"Yes, I did it," acknowledged the boy.

The boy had a very fine mare, a recent gift from his father, and at the father's command she was brought in.

"Would you," asked Ibu Jilawi with the utmost courtesy, "be willing to regard this mare as an adequate compensation for the loss of your cow?"

"Certainly," replied the villager. "She is worth many times the value of my cow, but I hope you will excuse me from taking her. If I had had the least idea who the offender was, I should never have entered a complaint."

"No doubt that is true," replied Ibu Jilawi with a smile, "but nevertheless you will not be excused from taking the mare. The boy will apologize to you unqualifiedly, and if you will then consider the matter settled I shall be sincerely indebted to you."

So, having received the apology, the villager led off the mare. The child's heart was almost broken, but it was not until some time later that Ibu Jilawi bought the mare back for him, and then at a thousand riyals, or Maria Theresa dollars, a sum sufficient to make the villager independently wealthy for the rest of his life.

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NURSES

The Toronto Hospital for Insane, in addition with Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York City, offers a three year course of training to young women. Having the required education, and desirous of becoming nurses. This Hospital has adopted the night-hour system. The pupils receive uniforms of the Hospital, a monthly allowance and travelling expenses to and from New York. For further information apply to the Superintendent.

Bass Voice Requires the Most Energy.

An eminent physician, presenting before the Academy of Medicine in Paris the results of an investigation of the amount of work performed by orators and singers, said he found from his experiments that a bass voice, in order to produce the same impression upon the ears of an audience as a tenor voice, is required of a baritone or tenor voice. A bass voice is always at a disadvantage with regard to the amount of work demanded of it, he said. It was also found, he added, that men are always more fatigued than women and children by an equal effort of the voice, and men with bass voices suffer the most fatigue.



He—"Do you believe love comes more than once?"

She—"If you treat him right, he does."

Minard's Liniment Heals Cuts.

Percy's Puzzle.

The teacher had been lecturing his class on the wisdom often displayed by animals and birds. He compared it with that of human beings, to the latter's disadvantage. Having finished his discourse, he invited his pupils to ask questions bearing on the subject. Percy held up his hand.

"Well, Percy," said the teacher, "what is it you want to know?"

"I want to know, sir," replied Percy, "what makes chickens know how big our egg-cups are?"

Health Notes.

Two business men, having to spend a few hours in a small town, decided to dine at the village school.

One of them turned to the pretty waitress and asked: "How's the chicken?"

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Pencil Box
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Sewing Sets
Skates

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE BABY

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Bibs
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Wool and Plush
Rugs, Robes, Blan-
kets
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STIRLING.

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River Valley

(Left over from last week)

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr and Ernest
took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence
Chard.

Mrs. Ann Bush is spending a few days
at the home of her son, Mr. Arthur

Bush, Glen Miller.

The meeting of the R. V. W. I. was
held at the home of Miss Nellie Scales on
Thursday, Jan. 4th. There was a good
attendance and a splendid report was
given by Mrs. Clifford Barragar of the
annual convention held in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bush and Mrs.
Mary Vandervoort spent Sunday after-

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noon at the home of Mr. Robert Bush,
4th concession Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hyde, Frankford
visited at the home of Mr. W. H. Hanna
recently.

Mr. George McGowan spent a couple
of days this week with her sister, Mrs.
Royal Herman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon McIntosh spent
Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Alex Park.

Obituary

ROBERT GOOD

The late Robert Good passed away
at his home in Rawdon on Sunday
morning December 14th, in his 75th
year. For several years he has been
in feeble health resulting from rheu-
matism and heart trouble, but bore his
affliction with wonderful courage and
cheerfulness. In very early life Mr.
Good came from the old land and set-
tled in this community and for the
past 40 years has lived on his present
farm. In his younger days he was a
very active and industrious man and
proved himself a first class farmer.
Through the years he has won and
retained the respect of his neighbors
and friends who always found him
responsive to every call for help or
encouragement. In religion he was a
Methodist and for many years was an
active official being a trustee of the
Methodist Church at Stirling at the
time of his death. The funeral service
which was largely attended was conduc-
ted by his pastor Rev. C. W. Barrett,
assisted by Rev. B. F. Byers of the
Anglican Church. The members of the
Oddfellows Lodge, of which society
the deceased was a member, also officiated
at the grave. Three of the mem-
bers of L. O. L. No. 300, of which de-
ceased was also a member, assisted as
bearers.

Floral Tributes were received from
the following friends.

Pillow, Mrs. Good and Will.
Gates Ajar, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thra-
sher, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Morrow,
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Cross,
Mr. S. Good, Wreaths, I. O. O. F. No.
230 and L. O. L. No. 300, Sprays, Mrs.
A. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kennedy
and Family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W.
Richardson, Dr. and Mrs. DuVal,
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson, Miss
E. Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. J. Leigh
and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Clarke.

Besides his wife he leaves four child-
ren, Mrs. Thrasher and Mrs. E. Mor-
row of Sidney Township and Mrs. J. B.
Thompson of Rawdon Township and
one son William R. at home, all of
whom hold sacred the memory of a
good husband and kind father. He is
also survived by an only brother, Mr.
Samuel Good of Thomasburg.

In June 1922 Mr. and Mrs. Good cel-
ebrated the 50th anniversary of their
marriage. His death makes the first
break in the family circle.

MRS. W. A. VANMEER

Following an illness of three months
the death of Mrs. W. A. Van Meer
took place at her late residence in
Trenton on Monday, December 18th.
Deceased was born at Hilton, Bright-
on Township and was the third
daughter of the late Edward and Jane
Robinson.

Her life was spent in the homestead,

until, until shortly before her mar-
riage when she came to Trenton,
where she spent the remainder of her
life. She was a Methodist and was
active in church work. Beside her
husband, she leaves to mourn her loss,
two children, Mrs. D. Derry of Stir-
ling and Harry E. of Smith Falls and
one brother Frank, of Merriton, Ont.

WEST HUNTINGDON

District News and Views Conducted by
ARTHUR WILSON

What Your Home Paper Does

It starts in
When you were born
Relates about your excellencies
And tells about your sweetness.
It follows you to school
And prints the Honor Roll—
If your name is to be found there.
It tells of your graduation,
And then your progress
During your college career.
Later on it dilates about
Your choice of a location,
Then it gives a lengthy notice
About your marriage
And praises the blushing bride
Till her kinsfolk do not know her;
Then in due course of events
It tells about the bouncing baby
That happens in your family,
Thereby beginning its work
All over and over again.
The newspaper does all this
And also does much more.
It tells of the progress
Made by city and county
And boasts all their enterprises,
Gives free advertising
Worth thousands of dollars
To its home town.
These are a few of the things
That all good newspapers do
For which they cannot be paid.
That is why every citizen
Should do his very best
To support the newspaper
In every possible way
And all the time.

Miss Katie Bray who won first prize
for her speech on "The Costs and Benefit
of Education" at the School Fair last
autumn gave the same speech before the
County Council at Belleville two weeks
ago. We regret that it will be impossible
to reproduce her very fine address for the
present at least, as the printing office
claims to be very busy at this Christmas
season.

LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

L. O. L. No. 300 met on Monday even-
ing and elected the following officers.
They were installed by county Master
Bro. Jas. Haggerty.

W.M.—Bro. Morley Haggerty
D.M.— " Albert Kingston.
Chap.— " Frank Ashley.
Rec. Sec.—Bro. Arthur Wilson.
Fin. Sec.— " E. T. Scales.
D. of C.—Bro. Fred Kingston.
1st Lecturer—Wilfred Johnston.
2nd Lecturer—Donald Fargery.
Tiler—Lorne Wilson.

Rawdon Rifle Association

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The following are the winners of
special prizes.

May 24th 1924

1st G. S. Eastwood, 2nd J. McKeown
3rd Thos. Prest, 4th Simon Mathews
June 11th 1924

1st J. McKeown 2nd G. E. Thompson
3rd Carl Caldwell, 2nd Wm. McInroy
September 1st 1924

1st G. K. Reid 2nd John McKeown
3rd W. A. Bateman 4th Geo. E. Thom-
pson-

December 1st 1924

1st J. McKeown, 2nd W. A. Bateman
3rd G. E. Thompson, 2nd C. Burkett
The attendance at the Rifle Range
has been good, the average being 29,
the maximum 36.

This association sent a team of four
men to the Dominion of Canada Rifle
Association Match on Connaught
Ranges, Ottawa in August at which
event they made a good showing and
won several Prizes.

The Board of Management wish to
take this opportunity of thanking all
the members for their hearty co-opera-
tion which resulted in such a success-
ful year for the association.

They also wish to announce that the
annual meeting of the association will
be held at the Orange Hall, Spring-
brook, on Saturday, December 27th at
8 p.m. In addition to the general busi-
ness the Prize money won during the
past year will be distributed. A full
attendance of the members is request-
ed.

J. F. Baker

Secretary, Bonarlaw

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Gas pressing on heart and other organs
sometimes causes a restless, nervous feel-
ing and prevents sleep. Adlerika helps
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Summary of

Assets and Liabilities

31st October, 1924

ASSETS

Gold, Dominion Notes, and Silver Coin	\$ 94,996,723.58
Deposit with Central Gold Reserve	14,000,000.00
Balances due by Banks and Banking Corres- pondents elsewhere than in Canada	69,517,496.89
Call and Short loans on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	118,188,540.98
Dominion and Provincial Government Securi- ties	91,612,453.73
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	6,385,569.34
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	42,392,715.21
Notes and cheques of other Banks	30,772,635.38
United States and other foreign currencies	650,833.09
Loans and Discounts and other Assets	259,515,557.66
Bank Premises	9,800,000.00
Liabilities to customers under letters of credit (as per contra)	11,003,562.70
	\$748,836,088.56

LIABILITIES TO PUBLIC

Notes in circulation	\$ 39,306,908.00
Deposits	641,027,425.43
Letters of credit outstanding	11,003,562.70
Other liabilities	865,820.18
	\$692,203,716.31

Excess of Assets over Liabilities to
public

\$56,632,372.25



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Good, clean, soft Elm, Birch, Soft and Hard Maple Logs, 14
inches and over in diameter, cut 5, 10 and 15ft, long (cut off
all shaky butts) for which we will pay \$30.00 per 1,000 ft. de-
livered in our yard; also Basswood logs cut 10 and 12 ft. at
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BIG ODDFELLOWS' RALLY

Another Oddfellows' rally was held
in Hawlock last Thursday. About
300 members foregathered from Peter-
boro, Norwood, Tweed, Madoc, Stir-
ling and Thomasburg and Past Grand

Master Eveson of Kingston was pres-
ent. The initiatory degree was ex-
emplified by Campbellford, the first
degree by Peterboro and the second
degree by Stirling. About 50 mem-
bers were present from Stirling, 75
from Peterboro and 30 from Camp-
bellford and Thomasburg.

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Your donation will help us in the work of Caring for Neglected Children.

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All donations will be greatly received.

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BUILD THE NATION!
MAKE OTHERS HAPPY!!

"Think of the Kiddies, their sorrows to lighten,
Your purse strings fling open, their sorrows to brighten."

H. F. KETCHESON,
Treasurer.

30 Bridge St., Belleville.
THOS. D. RUSTON,
Local Superintendent.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

L. O. L. No. 509, Rawdon met on December 1st and the following letter of condolence was read in open lodge.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from your family circle a beloved mother, we the officers and members of L. O. L. No. 509, extend to you our deepest sympathy in the loss you are called upon to bear.

Our prayer is that God who saw fit in his divine Providence to take your beloved mother to her eternal home, may give you sufficient grace to bear your sorrow and to say, "Thy will be done," and that when you are called away, you may meet her in that celestial Kingdom that is prepared for those who love and serve Him.

Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee,
Whose God was thy ransom, thy guardian and guide;
He gave thee, He took thee, and He will restore thee,
And death has no sting, for the Saviour has died.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge
Murray Roy. W. M.

Wm. J. Johnston, Chap.
Percy Sine, Rec. Sec.

BOOK PRESENTED TO LIBRARY

Prof. B. K. Sandwell, who lectured in Stirling last week has presented a book of poems by Gilbert McGregor Moffat to the Public Library. Prof. Sandwell was the author of the preface to the book and his gift is much appreciated. It will be on the shelves early in the new year.

Boys' Parliament to Convene This Week

Significant Gathering Will be Held in Toronto—Three Candidates for Premiership—Objects Aimed at

One of the most significant assemblies of this allegedly enlightened age will convene in Toronto this week. It is the fourth older boys' Parliament, the members for which were elected by C.S.E.T. groups and organized church classes on Nov. 29th. The sessions will be held in the Ontario Parliament buildings and will open on Dec. 23rd and close Dec. 29th. There is a three-cornered fight for the Premiership, Frank Adams of London leader of the Advance party, Ed. A. Pickering of Windsor, leader of the Ahmek party and Gordon Lapp, Brighton, Independent.

North Hastings' will be represented this year by a Stirling boy, Duncan Marshall who we feel sure, will render fine service to his constituents.

The objects aimed at by the Parliament are stated very concisely in a joint proclamation issued by the three candidates for the Premiership, a portion of which follows:

The purpose of this Parliament is not Parliamentary; it is not political; nor is it merely a display of trappings and formality. The purpose of this Parliament is to reach the boyhood of Ontario and mould it into true men and true citizens of humanity.

There are thousands of 'teen age boys growing up within the influence of low conditions; growing up with a squinted outlook on life, with selfishness uppermost; growing up with hate and sin where there should be love and rectitude.

To go out in the highways and the by-ways to reach this Ontario of tomorrow, and to make it worthy of itself. This is the supreme task of Parliament.

And to that purpose on the 29th of November, the boys of Ontario select some 100 representatives. The results of that day are the results of the Parliament. If members are selected whose pursuit is not personal honor, whose burning ambition is to serve and not be served, then we need not fear. If, on the other hand, members are selected whose ambition is personal honor, the Parliament is doomed.

For the sake of the boyhood of Ontario, we, the undersigned candidates, not for a political office, but for an opportunity to serve you, ask you, the electorate, to send to Toronto men of the highest calibre, the noblest ideals.

Yours Sincerely,

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The Star of Bethlehem

- I. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.
- II. Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him.
- XI. And when they were come into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh.—Matt. II:1-2-11.

Obituary

PETER E. RUPELT

The late Peter Rupert was born in the township of Rawdon in the year 1839, and passed to his eternal home on the morning of December 22nd at the ripe age of 85 years, 4 months and 22 days. Mr. Rupert spent all his life in the township of his birth where he was a successful farmer, in addition to operating for many years a threshing outfit in partnership with Mr. Wilfrid Smith. About eight years ago he retired from the activities of the farm and subsequently purchased the General Store at Sine where with his daughter, Miss Nettie Rupert he spent happily the remaining days of his life.

During the year of the building of the Bethel Church in which he took a very active part, Mr. Rupert was soundly converted to God and for fifty years was an earnest and devoted member of the Methodist Church. For twenty-four years he served faithfully as a steward of the Mt. Pleasant appointment; where, as afterwards at Bethel he delighted to promote the best interests of the church he loved.

In 1863 he married Miss Sarah Jane Pitman, who proved to be a true helpmeet in forming and maintaining a real Christian home from which a radiant influence for good was felt throughout the community. Several years ago she predeceased her husband, greatly mourned by the many whose lives she had so richly blessed.

Mr. Rupert was a man of sterling worth highly respected and esteemed by a very wide circle of friends. A devoted husband, a loving and wise father, a true neighbor ever ready to lend a helping hand, he will be greatly missed in the home, the church and community.

He leaves to mourn his loss four sons, Butler of Wellman's Corners; George of Huntingdon, Burton and Fred of Thurlow; two daughters, Mrs. Young of Millington, Mich. and Miss Nettie at home; two sisters, Mrs. Canniff of Ottawa and Mrs. Albert Tucker of Springbrook and Charles of the United States.

The funeral service was held on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 4th in the Bethel church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. G. Joblin and attended by a very large number of friends. The remains were laid away in the adjoining cemetery to await the Resurrection of the just.

Servant of God, well done!

The glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won
And thou art crowned at last.

MRS. JOHN V. GALLIVAN

Last Tuesday evening about seventy-three, Mrs. John V. Gallivan passed to her reward. She had not been in good health for some time, but no one expected her death which came so suddenly. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Finnegan, two sisters, Maggie and Marie; five brothers, Joseph, Patrick, Frank, William and Thomas.

The funeral mass took place on Fri-

day at Read's church, conducted by the Rev. Father McCarthy. The body was placed in the vault, to be buried later in the family plot in Stirling. Much sympathy is extended to the sorrowing husband and family.

GIVING EXPRESSION TO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

By Florence Marshall

Ask the first ten children that you meet about what do they think when Christmas is mentioned to them. I'll venture to say that most of them will reply, "Santa Claus," or at least their answer will have something to do with Christmas Presents or entertainments. If one of them tells you that Christmas means the baby Christ to him or her, you may feel repaid for your question.

But, it is really amazing the number of parents who bribe their children into goodness for a season by saying, "If you are not good, Old Saint Nick will not call on you." Children do respond to this sort of talk, but too often it merely resolves itself into a bargain, whereby the child is the gainer if he is 'good.'

We get our most lasting impressions in childhood. It is surely foolish to make Christmas mean "Santa Claus" only, to our children, and then expect to produce men and women who think first of God's Great Gift to the world in connection with Christmas.

Let us start with our children. Tell them the old, old story of Christ's coming to earth how that heaven was rejoiced, that a choir of angels sang songs of praises in the sky above. Make them to know that our habits of gift-giving come only from our desire to remember that at the Christmastide, God gave his greatest gift to the world, his only begotten son.

Someone has said, "We may give without loving, but we cannot love without giving." Far be it from me to say that gift-giving should not be a part of our Christmas Joys. But I certainly think that it has been carried to excess. If we feel we must give because we know that we shall receive it's time to draw a halt. Too often people feel they cannot afford to remember certain friends and acquaintances and yet they put an extra strain on themselves by giving perhaps for the sake of appearances. Families often go without real necessities.

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SCHOOL CONCERT A SUCCESS

The concert given by the school children in the Fred Snarr school on Monday evening was a decided success. The dialogues, choruses, recitations and other numbers were well given and gave evidence of careful training. A very pleasant feature of the occasion was a presentation by the pupils to Miss Luella Mathews, their teacher.

Sandwell Lecture Popular "Experiment"

First of Series of University Extension Lectures on Bad Books and Their Uses Created Much Interest

"We need Canadian poets and poetry. Poetry teaches us to love our native soil and to appreciate our natural life. So said Professor Sandwell, of Queen's University to an audience of High School students and others interested, in the school that almost filled the opera house, on Thursday evening. The subject chosen for the lecture given was Bad books and their Uses. By Bad Books Professor Sandwell meant books which were not good enough to be ranked with the best. The speaker did not stick very closely to his text, but won all hearts by his delightfully humorous remarks. He suggested that all students should try their hand at writing poetry, for, though all poetry did not survive, yet a certain amount was sure to do so. Some inferior work was necessary in every age out of which better work might grow. All literature he said, is hatched as an egg, and books in our country are now passing through this stage—a very important one for this Dominion.

The evening's entertainment was an experiment, according to Principal Halpenny, who acted as chairman. The University extension lecture composed half the programme while the pupils contributed the remainder. Community singing, two spirited choruses by eighteen girls and boys, the reading of the school paper by Miss Myrtle Reid and an exceedingly well-executed demonstration of club-swinging by Misses Nellie Tulloch, Edna Spry, Phoebe Mummy, Gladys Rollins, Winnifred McInroy and Myrtle Reid completed the programme. We feel sure that Professor Sandwell's offer to pick out a good sample of a university professor for the next experiment will be accepted.

A collection was taken at the door to help defray expenses.

PLACES OBSTRUCTION ON RY.

Some days ago, someone had placed a railway tie on the track and interfered with the signal lights at Anson Junction. A freight train is said to have had a narrow escape. Yesterday a young man named Harry Snarr was arrested charged with the offence. He was taken to Belleville by C.N.R. officer Howard and will be tried today.

Foxboro-Tweed Road

Hastings County Council decided on Friday night to proceed with the repairs of the county road from Foxboro to the Tweed Gravel Road as soon as possible, so as to make it safe for travel. The matter was referred to the chairman of roads and the assistant superintendent with power to act. This road is one much used in marketing of stock. It is probable that the work will be started and possibly completed this month.—Tweed News

Services at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's congregation is being favored with services conducted by some exceptionally able ministers. Last Sunday, Dr. Colin Young of Toronto, who has supervision of the non-Anglo-Saxon work of the Presbyterian church preached. In the evening his theme was an appeal for the missionary work of the church and special mention was made of the splendid work of the W.M.S. in establishing and maintaining, church hospitals and schools, chiefly amongst settlements of foreign born Canadians.

The music provided by the choir on Sunday last is worthy of special mention as the Christmas service of song. In the morning the anthem "Song of Praise" (Ashford) with its obligato "angel chorus" was exceptionally suitable for the opening number and was beautifully rendered. Then "Sing unto God" (Danks) was an appropriate song of praise for this season.

In the evening a solo "A Christmas Lullaby" was sung softly and with great expression by Stella Marshall. The beautiful rousing Christmas anthem "Christian Awake" (Mauder) was excellently given. The service closed with a fitting and impressive trio "Holy Night."

Minutes of Sidney Council

Sidney Council met Dec. 15, with all the members present. The minutes of the August meeting were read and adopted on motion of E. J. Pyear, seconded by W. L. Vandervoort.

Mr. Jas. Cooney asked for an extension of time for payment of his taxes. The matter was left in the hands of the collector. In request of B. O. Lott and others for Kennel License, the clerk was instructed to state the conditions laid down in the statutes under which a Kennel License could be granted.

A communication from H. J. Clarke was read, asking for some improvement to the lane leading from the Stirling Belleville Road to a number of cottages along Oak Lake on the farm of W. J. Dettlor but was not finally dealt with at this meeting.

Moved by Ketcheson.—Pyear, that the 1924 taxes on the Pump House less the dog tax be refunded to the City of Belleville.—carried

Moved by Ketcheson — Vandervoort, that the communication of R. J. Ponton Re Sidney Township and the Parks Commission of Belleville be received and filed.—carried

Moved by Vandervoort—Ketcheson that the following accounts be paid:—

S. Masson \$51.15
D. E. Coon 4.00
H. Bowers 4.00
J. Tucker 4.00

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COMING EVENTS

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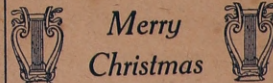
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SHAPING THE YOUNG APPLE TREE.

The directing of the growth during the early years of the apple tree is of particular importance. The ideal tree is probably that which has the first branches about 24 inches from the ground, and the five or six branches which form the frame of the tree spaced evenly as far apart as possible. Particularly desirable is it to remove the next to the last branch at the top, which, if left, will produce a weak top because of the forked crotch formed with the top limb.

Heading back at planting time is necessary to balance the loss of roots cut off by digging. Tests made at Kentville show an average growth of 4.82 inches the first year and 20 inches the second year, where newly planted trees had three-quarters of their growth removed, whereas similar trees not headed back made a growth of one inch the first year and 2.4 inches the second year.

Strong growth branches should be suppressed by heading back and weak branches not pruned at all. If the whole tree is weak, a severe heading back in the spring will throw greater vigor into the remaining buds, and thus bring about a more vigorous development. But, if there are weak branches on one side of a tree and strong ones on the other, the reduction of the leaf area on the weak branches will tend further to weaken these branches because of the stronger sap flow toward the greater foliage area. Obviously, therefore, a reduction of foliage area on the strong branches will lessen this tendency and throw more growth toward the weaker branches.

The central branch should be allowed to maintain the lead, not however, for the purpose of forming a pyramidal tree with a central leader, but that from it several well-spaced scaffold limbs may be developed, thus forming a more desirable type of tree than if the scaffold branches are developed on side limbs only. After a few good scaffold branches are formed on this central leader, further tendency toward a pyramidal form with central leader extending high into the air and having many branches radiating from it should be checked, the aim being to form a tree combining the desirable features of the moderate pyramidal form and eliminating the undesirable open-centre type of tree. To balance the tree, the heading back of strong growing branches is necessary. This heading back tends to

develop side branches, and attention must be given to the elimination of some of these, so that too many scaffold branches may not be formed. The whole aim should be to build up a framework that will carry large crops of fruit and at the same time not have an over-abundance of large branches.

SELECTING BREEDERS FOR EGG PRODUCTION.

As the time approaches when the breeding pens will have to be mated it becomes necessary to give careful attention to this, the most important work of the season.

The male selected should be one who is the son not only of a high laying hen, but of a hen having the power to transmit the quality to her daughters. When after careful study of records, it has been decided to use a male from a certain dam, the next point is selection of a promising specimen. Try to maintain size in the flock by choosing a bird as near standard weight as possible. More important still, however, is it to select a bird with constitutional vigor—one with a broad back and with the width carried well back to the tail, and having also a good depth of body. The head—and this is most important, because the vigor of the bird is expressed in his head and eye—should be clean-cut, free from coarseness, and with the face clear of wrinkles. The eye should be prominent and piercing.

To such a male mate the requisite number of females. This will depend on the breed and the conditions under which the birds are being kept. For American breeds such as the Plymouth Rock or Wyandotte from ten to twelve will make a satisfactory pen. For Mediterranean breeds, such as the Leghorn, about fifteen females may be used; but in all cases where the breeders have free range a larger number of females may be used.

Yearling hens make ideal breeders, but older hens or well developed pullets will also give excellent results. In selecting these birds also keep constitutional vigor in mind. Select those birds having capacity, as evinced in long, broad and deep bodies. Frequently a bird may be deficient in one of these dimensions, i.e., it may be a little short in the back; but if it is broad and carries the width well to the tail, and shows a good depth, it may make up in extra breadth and depth what it lacks in length.

Here, again, as in the male, the head is most important. The clean-cut face and prominent piercing eye are the marks of vigor and productiveness.

APPLE GROWING IN CANADA

BY J. B. SPENCER, B.S.A.

Fruit growing has become one of the chief industries in Canada and by far the most important species produced is the apple. This is due no doubt to the fact that the Dominion produces the best flavored, most highly colored, and longest keeping apples. The apple may be grown successfully in commercial quantities over an immense area, so great in fact that if it were planted to apple trees the product would be sufficient to supply the markets of the world. The crop of apples that will be harvested this year is estimated at 3,225,713 barrels, which is about 72 per cent. of the 1923 crop which reached 4,493,850 barrels. The extent of the industry may be gathered from the following table showing the crop of apples in the five principal producing provinces in 1923 and 1924:

	1923	1924 (estimated)
New Brunswick.....	69,292	86,615
Nova Scotia.....	1,821,064	1,274,742
Quebec.....	65,094	87,876
Ontario.....	1,304,400	913,080
British Columbia.....	1,234,000	863,400

Historians differ as to just where the first apples were grown in Canada. Both Nova Scotia and Quebec claim the honor but one thing is assured and that is that for nearly three centuries this species of fruit has been ripening in Eastern Canada.

Apples have been grown in commercial quantities in Nova Scotia for the last fifty or sixty years and the industry has now reached extensive proportions. The largest crop produced to date in Nova Scotia was harvested in 1921 when 2,036,065 barrels were packed and sold from the Annapolis and adjacent valleys, which form the great producing district of the province and cover an area about one hundred miles long and from six to eleven miles wide.

In Quebec there are records that show that as early as 1663 apples were being produced in that province, and it is thought that the renowned Famouze apple originated there. In the valleys of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers and throughout the Eastern Townships there are many thousands of acres bearing apples, while in many other parts of the province good apple producing areas are to be found.

Ontario normally is one of the largest producers of apples and there is a

considerable quantity of each year's crop exported. However, there still remains good orchard lands untouched. The now famous McIntosh Red apple, which for the second time in successive years has been declared the finest dessert apple in the British Empire was first produced on the farm of the late John McIntosh at Iroquois.

Apple growing in British Columbia was only begun in comparatively recent years but the development of commercial orcharding has been very rapid, the greatest planting taking place between the years 1909 and 1914. The most noted district is that of the Okanagan valley where some of the best orchards in the province and in the Dominion are to be found. In Prince Edward Island the culture of apples has not developed as rapidly as the climate and soil would justify. Owing to the comparatively cool summer and autumn which causes slow ripening, the fruit keeps as long or longer than in any other part of the Dominion. Apple trees were introduced into this province about 1763.

While apples in commercial quantities have not so far been produced in the Prairie Provinces—Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta—considerable attention is being given to their culture, more particularly in Manitoba. Small apples or crab-apples can be successfully grown in many places in Saskatchewan, as well as some apple of the very hardy Russian varieties. The best results in apple growing in Alberta have been secured in the southern districts where a good quality has been produced.

The apples from Ontario, Nova Scotia, and British Columbia are well and favorably known in the markets of Great Britain and Europe and are in constant demand. Quebec, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island are at present producing only sufficient quantities for home consumption notwithstanding the fact that the possible producing area is far in excess of that at present under crop and that the climate and soil in all three provinces make for the growing of large quantities of the finest fruit. Experiments are being carried on in the Prairie Provinces with a view to developing varieties more suitable to the climate and when these are obtained there is no doubt that apples will be grown much more generally throughout the Dominion.



The "river cow" is the popular name given to this mammal, after the order of whales, which inhabits the Amazon River and its tributaries. It is the largest fresh water fish in the world and weighs over 200 pounds when fully grown.

INDOOR TOILET FOR THE FARM HOME

BY P. C. GROSE.

Outdoor toilets, located some little distance from the house, have always been one of the unpleasant things about rural life, especially in winter time. Aside from mere physical discomforts, there are the dangers from exposure to the ravages of cold and stormy weather.

Thanks to engineering skill and scientific research, satisfactory indoor closets have now been developed that meet the demands of any farmer's purse, and they can be used in houses without running water. Probably most folks would rather have the flush type of toilet that ordinarily constitutes part of the bathroom equipment where water pressure is available. This type will eventually be used in many, many farm homes; it demands a greater expenditure for fixtures, as well as a water-pressure system and a cesspool or tank.

The cesspool is a matter of no great consequence; a small amount of labor and expense will take care of that. A farmer can build a cesspool himself. And if he already has an electric lighting outfit, the matter of running water is likewise easily provided. Numerous outfits are now on the market (many of which cost less than \$100) providing a compact unit, electrically operated and automatically controlled, which can be placed in the basement, connected with the cistern or well, and thereafter supply the water under pressure wherever needed throughout the house.

But many farmers can not afford these more elaborate and expensive conveniences, and still they need not do without an indoor closet. A good sanitary chemical closet can be purchased for the price of a fat shote.

FIRST COST NOT HIGH.

The sanitary chemical closet is mighty satisfactory, too. We purchased one several years ago and have found it so. We found quite a variety of makes on the market, all embodying the same principle and differing little in service; the difference was in the quality of material and finish and the cost. We selected one of the best; it cost us between \$15 and \$20 delivered. It is made of heavy galvanized steel finished in a durable white enamel that matches regular bathroom fixtures. It is equipped with a standard high-grade seat the same as a regular flush toilet. The vent pipe is likewise white enameled.

NO ODORS, NO DISEASE GERMS.

The closet has an inside container which holds about eight gallons and will run three or four weeks without recharging. The chemical is mixed with water in the container. The cost of chemical has never exceeded 25¢ a month. The sanitary closet, once installed, demands little care. Every three or four weeks the container is

removed and its contents emptied and then returned to the closet and recharged with the chemical-water mixture. The contents, when removed, need not be buried, as there is no odor. The chemical takes care of that.

The success of the chemical toilet depends on two things—proper ventilation and proper chemical mixture. The chemical odors must be carried from the room, just as the smoke and gases from the cookstove must be carried from the room. If adequate ventilation is provided, the chemical closet is designed to function just as satisfactory as the stove. Usually the vent pipe is passed through the wall to the outside of the house to secure the necessary draught. This is more easily accomplished where the closet is located on an upper floor than when it is on a lower floor.

The chemical closet has met the approval of health authorities, as the chemical kills all germs and odors, is harmless to the skin, and protects the metal container from rust.

POULTRY

It is essential that the house be made draft proof if it is not already so, but care should be taken to keep an abundance of pure air in circulation.

The laying quarters should always be comfortable, if possible, but warmth at the expense of dryness is never wise.

Restricted ventilation is almost certain to be accompanied by dampness, particularly if the house is a trifle overcrowded. Dampness in the henhouse at this season is an invitation to colds and roup.

A laying hen is always a happy hen. A hen cannot be happy unless she is busy most of the time. Litter on the floor of the house, if fresh and clean, is an excellent means of keeping the layers busy.

Perhaps the best material for litter is wheat straw. It is not so stiff as rye straw but neither does it break up so easily as does oat straw. Renew the supply frequently. The litter must absorb moisture from the droppings and in wet weather may have to be changed often.

Care should be taken to use none but clean bright straw. Moldy straw is almost certain to cause trouble.

A Cold Weather Comfort.

The majority of farmers own some kind of an automobile and in the winter those who ride in the back seat usually complain of cold feet, especially if the ride is a very long one. This can be avoided if a feather cushion is made for the bottom of the car. When killing poultry save all the feathers except the wing and tail feathers which have the large quills. Scald the feathers, then dry thoroughly. Take a cotton feed bag such as poultry mash comes in, dye it a dark color, and fill it with the feathers. Sew up the end of the bag and use this for a foot cushion and there will be no more complaints of cold feet when riding in cold weather.—C. A. J.



Maple forest is "thinned" every seven years to allow room for the oaks to grow unimpeded. The thinning is now taking place and scenes reminiscent of the Canadian woods are daily enacted within fifteen miles of London.

Home Education

"The Child's First School is the Family"—Froebel.

Persistent Misbehavior in Small Children

BY ZAHRAH E. PREBLE.

The great Chinese philosopher Confucius says: "I am not concerned at not being known; I seek to be worthy to be known."

The reverse is often the case with children and at the bottom of much misbehavior. They are so mightily concerned about being known and noticed that this great desire motivates many of their actions, both desirable and undesirable. If one wants to understand a child and his motives, a little knowledge of how his subconscious mind directs his actions will lead to a correction of the undesirable actions which make a child what we term "bad" or "naughty," or "disobedient."

The feeling of being slighted is easily and subtly developed after the age of four and sometimes even younger when other children arrive in the family. Up to that time he usually is the centre of the family plans because of his infantile state. Then that constant attention is gradually relaxed, and the child finds himself being neglected. If a new baby has come there is a sense of being pushed out of the centre of the picture, and he resolves, quite sub-consciously, to become reinstated in that desirable condition of being "the whole show." Many times this results in persistent "bad" behavior.

Sometimes such unwelcome deportment is only a spasmodic outbreak, following an unthinking rebuke by an older member of the family. It manifests itself in either a "smarty" attitude, or naughty and even vicious actions, in order to attract the desired attention.

Many times the parents are to blame for this more than the child because they refuse to recognize that the little individual has now reached a point where he can and does think things out for himself, and where he resents unfairness very keenly. If channels—not an easy task but a satisfying one.

Misbehavior is just mispent energy; this energy needs directing into constructive instead of destructive channels—not an easy task but a satisfying one.

HORSE

If a horse could talk, he would have many things to say, especially when winter comes.

He would tell his driver how a frosty bit stings and sears his lips and tongue when it is thrust into his mouth without being warmed first.

He would tell how it feels to have nothing but ice cold water to drink, when he is already shivering from the cold.

He would tell of the bitter wind that frosts his sides when he halts, steaming from exertion, and is tied for hours in an exposed place without a blanket.

He would talk of slippery streets and the sensations of falling on cruel city cobblestones—the pressure of the load pushing him to the fall—the bruised knees and wrenched joints, the tightened straps and the feel of the driver's lash, the panting nostrils and heaving flanks, and the horrible fright of it all.

When he stumbles don't whip him. Think of your own feelings if struck every time you slipped or stumbled. Warm the bit before putting it in his mouth.

Take the chill off his drinking water when possible, if it is very cold. Give him enough to eat, and spread plenty of clean bedding in his stall.

Put a blanket on him in the stable, on cold nights.

Do not leave him standing in a cold wind without a blanket. Keep him in the sun, if possible.

Keep him sharp-shod during the winter.

Drive him carefully over icy pavements.

When he falls, quickly loosen his harness, push back the wagon, and help him to rise, without blows.

Watch for the appearance of gall spots, and allow nothing to touch them till healed. Be humane with your horse. Treat him as well as he treats you.



Same Girl.

Son—"Dad, I want to marry Dottie Dimples, the chorus girl."
Dad—"I wanted to marry her myself when I was about your age!"

The mongrel hen is fast disappearing. Gradually the Canadian farmer is waking up to the superior value of the well-bred, strong, vigorous, prolific hen over her mongrel sister, and the latter is being sent to the shambles.

Get the incubators and brooders ready for hatching broiler chicks.

PAIN IN THE JOINTS

Is An Indication That the Blood is Thin and Watery.

The first sign of rheumatism is frequently a pain and swelling of one of the joints. If this is not treated through the blood, which is the seat of the disease, the poison spreads, affecting other joints and tissues—sometimes rheumatism attacks the heart and is fatal.

A remedy that has corrected many cases of rheumatism is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills enrich and purify the blood so that the poisonous rheumatic matter is driven out of the system as nature intended. Miss Gertrude Denne, Washago, Ont., was attacked with rheumatism and found relief through Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She says: "About a year ago I was attacked by rheumatism and for two weeks was confined to my bed. The trouble was so painful, affecting the joints of my limbs so that I could not stand alone. Mother had a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the house and thought they might help me. I began taking them, and when I had taken these pills got a further supply, with the result that the rheumatism vanished and I was a well girl. I may add that my mother and two of my sisters have also used the pills for various ailments with equal success, and now we are never without them in the house."

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Love Song.

I have loved you enough;
Though much went wrong,
This was good,
This was strong;

Unshaken in spite
Of the going of years,
Too sure to retract,
Too proud for tears.

Let my love be the pillow
Under your head,
On your lips like a song,
To your hunger, bread,
—Sara Teasdale.

Fatty fish contain large amounts of fat-soluble vitamins.

HEALTH EDUCATION

BY DR. J. J. MIDDLETON

Provincial Board of Health, Ontario.

Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

"Public Health is a subject that touches very closely the life and happiness of every one of us. It is not an abstract subject or one which a person takes up merely for cultural reasons or as a pastime. It is a necessary subject to know—so necessary, in fact, that ignorance of its principles is at the root of a good deal of suffering in this world, causes race deterioration and often brings people to an early grave. There are many ways of explaining what Public Health means, and could fill a volume in doing so, but it can be conveniently described in two words—"Right Living."

The Great War that shook the foundation of the nations of the world has taught us much. One of the most important things it has brought to our attention is the great need for the preservation of the human race.

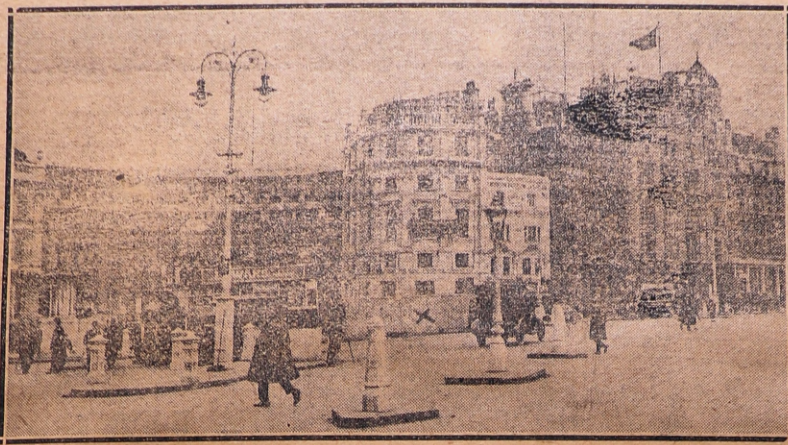
So many precious lives were sacrificed on the battlefields during those terrible years that thinking men and women have come to realize the necessity of preventing the useless sacrifice of human life in times of peace. Take the question of infant mortality alone. The annual list of deaths of children from malnutrition, preventable diseases and so forth, is a disgrace to any civilized country. By the enforcement of public health and hygiene measures, many of these little lives could be saved. But there are many other fields of public health work equally important. One of the earliest codes of health regulations with which we are familiar, dates back to the time of Moses, and this is remarkable on account of the fact that many of the regulations are in entire harmony with the recognized principles of hygiene of the present day. This is especially true of the warnings against discharges and eruptions from the body, of the emphasis placed on washing and bathing as a means of purification and of the explicit directions for proper disposal of excreta (see Lev. IV. and Deut. XXIII).

With the low standards of medical knowledge prevailing during the dark ages, it is not surprising to find practically no traces whatsoever of activities relating to Public Health Education. In the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, however, mainly because Europe was repeatedly devastated by various plagues, the need appears to have been felt for furnishing authoritative information regarding the dreaded plagues. The result was the publication of numerous leaflets called "plague tracts," dealing with many scourges such as leprosy, syphilis, plague, alcoholism and sweating sickness. A reawakening of interest in public health was observed mainly in England, in the early part of the nineteenth century, and we find, as a result, that communities concern themselves more actively in the provision of pure water supplies, in the disposal of refuse, the construction of better streets.

Towards the end of the century, especially during the eighties, a campaign was begun for the suppression of tuberculosis. This campaign was developed very effectively in the United States. Up to ten or fifteen years ago, a large amount of the effort against infant mortality was expended in hunting out and providing medical care for sick babies in summer resorts. That this was absolutely illogical and ineffective in combating infant mortality was not then recognized.



Although only 2½ years old, this little boy, Reginald Alvis, recently journeyed alone from Glasgow, Scotland, to Toronto. During the sea voyage on the Regina he was the pet of the ship and there was no lack of roustabout guardians on the train which brought him over the Canadian National Railways from Halifax to Toronto.



MAMMOTH FOUND IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE, LONDON

The fossilized bones of a mammoth and a hippopotamus that, about 100,000 years ago, lived in Trafalgar Square, now one of the world's busiest spots, have recently been discovered thirty feet below the surface. The bones, including also those of the aurochs, or great ox, and the red deer, have been identified by Sir Arthur Keith, the renowned anatomist, and Mr. R. H. Burns. They have been placed in the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, to which they have been presented. The bones were found when foundations were being dug out adjacent to the head European Offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway (right). It is assumed in Geological circles that these relics of the past belong to one of the milder periods of the Ice Age. The spot where they were found is marked by a cross.

Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River.

With a view to re-establishing sockeye salmon in the Upper Fraser River the Department of Marine and Fisheries has this season distributed 1,000,000 eyed sockeye eggs in the tributaries of Bowron lake and 4,000,000 in the principal tributaries of Quesnel Lake. Arrangements have also been made to make similar plantings in the Seton-Anderson Lakes and the Shuswap Lakes districts.

An inspection of the salmon spawning areas of the Fraser River basin has shown that the number of sockeye salmon that reached the spawning beds of the Fraser, above Hell's Gate Canyon, was too small to make a visible impression in any section. Not a sockeye was in evidence in Quesnel lake or its two main tributaries, and not a resident at Quesnel Dam, the outlet of the lake, or on the Horsefly River, one of its principal spawning areas, was found who had seen a sockeye this year. Formerly the Quesnel Lake section was one of the great-

est spawning districts in the Fraser basin. The records kept there disclose that in 1909 over 4,000,000 sockeye entered that lake. None are known to have entered it in the last two years.

The Indians in the Chilcotin country reported that they have not taken in excess of 50 sockeye at their three principal fishing stations this year. None were caught by the Indians at Chimney Creek or at Soda Creek. The Indians at the Bridge River canyon on the Fraser, above Lillooet, caught very few sockeye and none were seen entering Seton or Anderson lakes. A few were seen in the Thompson river.

It was also reported that the sockeye run to the Birkenhead river at the head of the Harrison-Lillooet section was the best in many years. More sockeye were seen there this year than have been seen since the hatchery was established in 1905 and it is the belief that the run was as great as it ever has been in the last twenty years.

While it cannot be stated with absolute certainty that the abundance of salmon in the Birkenhead river is due to the fry distributed there from the hatchery four years previously, there is scarcely any other agency to which it can be attributed. It is only in the Lower Fraser, where hatcheries have been operated, that the sockeye run has been maintained, and in the Upper Fraser, in the Quesnel, Chilcotin, and Seton Lakes districts, where there are no hatcheries, the run has disappeared.



Hon. Marguerite Shaughnessy Daughter of the late Lord Shaughnessy, Chairman of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who acted as sponsor at the launching from the Clydebank yards of John Brown & Co. of the Canadian Pacific S.S. "Princess Marguerite" recently. The new vessel is a twin screw, oil burner, and will be an important addition to the Company's Pacific Coast fleet. The ship comprises five decks and has an overall length of 368 feet.

London.

Romance has set her castle here, where beats The heart of England; hither no winds blow But sing of youth; long since the Bells of Bow Called Whittington; here Milton, Lamb and Keats Once bowed the knee to her; and he that meets In some pale dawn that gallant band shall know Her secret, and why Shakespeare long ago Left Stratford for the beauty of her streets. Still when the moth of twilight flutters down Poets and kings and sages long since dust Leave Paradise to gather at her gate; These gave their lives as jewels for her crown. Left us this London's a holy trust, Bidding us keep their faith inviolate. —Lucy Maudslow.

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He—"I suppose you danced with Jack six times and with me once—to make me jealous?" She—"No, I danced with you once to make Jack jealous."

Little Tommy, upon his return from school one day, was asked by his mother what he had learned on that occasion. "Well," said Tommy, "I have been studying ants. There are two kinds—the sort that gets into the sugar bowl and the kind that lives with their married sisters."

Eskimo mothers carress their babies by touching noses. The people of that race make very good and affectionate parents.

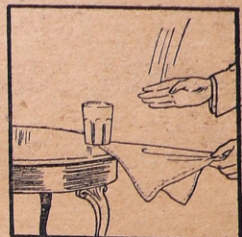
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The problem is to remove the handkerchief without touching the glass or spilling any of the water. Although the task seems impossible of accomplishment, it can be done very easily.

Grasp the opposite corner of the handkerchief and hold it in a horizontal position, holding the corner as far as you can away from the table. With your other hand strike the handkerchief a sharp downward blow. If you do this, the handkerchief will be drawn from under the glass. It is desirable that the tabletop be very smooth and that the handkerchief have no heavy hem.

(Clip this out and paste it, with other of the series, in a scrapbook.)

Mint Harvest in England.

Within a few miles of London the peppermint harvest is in full swing, and the pretty blue flowers of this sweet-smelling plant are fast falling beneath the swish of the sickles, or mint hooks.

During the last eleven months the distillery has been silent. Now it is busy night and day, as cartloads of the "herb," as it is called, are tossed through the large door of its upper floor and the air is filled with a pungent odor at first well nigh overpowering. On this upper floor are two huge, copperlike stills, each with its huge lid, or "cap," suspended above it. The bottom is perforated so that the steam may rise easily to the mint. Three boiler men load the stills, and as soon as they are brimful the cup is lowered and sealed by a water suction arrangement fitted round the brim. Meanwhile the boilerman gets up steam until forty pounds is registered, at which degree of heat the steam is allowed to pass into the well filled still.

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The Queen of Sheba's Airship.

There is reason to believe that someone constructed an airship which Solomon gave to the son of the Queen of Sheba. Of course, there was no motor—possibly it was a glider. The Secretary of the Royal Aeronautical Society states that Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba "a vessel wherein one could traverse the air for wind."

There are other references to flight in Abyssinian sacred writings, and there is a long description of the miraculous way in which the Queen of Sheba's son Menyelek left Solomon, journeying to his mother's country. "No man hauled his wagon, or loaded camels, each was raised above the ground to a height of a cubit."

A cubit, according to the ancient Egyptians, measured about twenty inches, but elsewhere it is recorded that over the Red Sea they were lifted up three cubits, "and everyone traveled in the wagons like an eagle when his body glided above the wind."

By wearing a pedometer, an American housewife has discovered that she walked on an average five miles each day in preparing meals for her family.

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BORROWED THOUGHTS

So many gods, so many creeds,
So many paths that wind and wind;
While just the art of being kind
Is what this sad world needs.

Fire Losses

According to "The Monetary Times" fire losses in Canada for the month of November amounted to \$2,130,860. Of this amount, Ontario provides easily the largest amount with a loss of \$612,360. This loss is slightly larger than November last year, although it is the smallest for any month in 1924, so far. Of the 201 fires reported 130 were in houses and barns, which are usually the places most poorly provided with protection against fire.

In addition to property losses during November ten lives were lost, so that Canada is still paying a terrible sacrifice to the fire demon, largely because Canadians choose to be careless.

December is usually a month of numerous fires, presumable in large measure because of the quantities of inflammable material used in Christmas decorations. May this month be a glorious exception, so that no homes may be saddened by visits of the fire fiend at this happy holiday season.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The use of the "all-day sucker" has reached the epidemic stage. Boys, girls and chewing-gum fans alike indulge in the habit on the street and at concerts. Wrigley, the gum king must look to his laurels.

The Children's Shelter at Belleville is doing a fine work in looking after children who, for one reason or another, have either no homes at all, or homes that are unfit for child-life. It merits the hearty support of every lover of children.

Nominations for next year's Council and School Board will be held in the Town Hall next Monday evening. Although all meetings of these bodies are public, it is seldom that many citizens find time to attend them. Nomination meetings are in a somewhat different category. Every citizen, and especially every ratepayer who can attend should do so. Councillors and Trustees alike will appreciate such interest and an open discussion of village affairs cannot fail to do good.

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On earth peace, good-will toward men. Luke 2:14.

PEACE! GOOD-WILL! What a conception! An amazing conception! And sung as if it were a realisable ideal! Indeed, the angels sang as if it were already accomplished fact as at that moment the Blessed Maid looked into the face of her Wonderful Boy in his manger bed. Optimism! Nothing

Ivanhoe

Mrs. Murney Sine of Toronto spent a few days with her mother who has been ill.

The High School students of Madoc, Stirling and Belleville are spending the holidays here.

Miss Lillian Mitz of Peterboro is spending the holidays at her home.

Miss Laura Moore of Toronto is spending the holidays at Ivanhoe.

Miss Barnes is spending the Christmas week with her parents at Kemville.

Mr. Milton Reid of the "Bank of Commerce" staff, Madoc spent the week-end with his parents here.

Mr. Moore's have moved into their new home, the old McKee residence.

Springbrook

The Public School and Sunday School gave their Christmas concert in the Orange Hall on Friday evening last, every number on the program was well rendered and the two school teachers, Miss Danford and Miss Ashley deserve all the good things said about the way the children were trained. The entertainment was very high class throughout.

Mr. W. A. Bateman who resides in the eleventh concession caught a live fox one day last week but it was despatched soon after as it had been wounded.

About twenty ladies attended the aluminum demonstration meeting at Mrs. D. Heath's on Monday night given by Mr. Ernest Airhart who did some cooking to prove that it could be done without smoke or smell in the house.

The Anglican S. S. gave their entertainment in the Orange Hall on Monday night, the hall was crowded and the program was carried out in their usual good style, everybody seemed to enjoy it immensely.

Mr. David Mosher from the West is visiting his mother and other relatives and friends in this place. Mr. Mosher has not been home for a number of years.

Miss Stella Bateman of Amherst Island is visiting her cousin, Miss Hazel Bateman.

When peace shall over all the earth
Its radiant splendours fling.

III

I stand amazed at the power of the Christmas spirit. It is the strongest universal emotion that sweeps over that large part of the world that has heard the evangel of Emmanuel. It has been well said,

This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth efface.

It is an all pervading spirit, a ubiquitous spirit, a universal spirit. The children call it Santa Claus; really it is the spirit of the Christ Child. Christmas is the time when He has a real innings in the lives of men. This powerful penetrating spirit captures hearts that seem impregnable. Even the most Scrooge-like heart melts before it. Even Mr. Driggs is compelled to believe in Christmas. We all succumb to this spirit of peace on earth and good will—We are willing and happy captives, and why?

IV

Because PEACE and GOOD-WILL are the most desired things in all the world. There is no message that the world needs so literally as that which speaks of peace and a better understanding. As individuals we long to be at peace. As nations we pray that war clouds shall never again darken the sky which God opened to let his angels out to sing to us of "Peace on earth and good-will toward men." Let us then resolve to carry the Christmas spirit with us—Why go back to the same old lives again? Let us build here three tabernacles—One for Christ, one for fellow man, one for ourselves. Let us stay on this transfigured mount.

"Mid our feasting and festooning, our giving and getting, our merry-making and celebrating, let us wonder and let us worship, and see in this hallowed tide a prophesy of that long desired, and long delayed time, when there shall be a never ending reign of PEACE ON EARTH GOOD-WILL TOWARD MEN."

(The author of "Sparks from a Preacher's Anvil" wishes all his readers a very Merry Christmas.)

can beat heaven's choir for optimism, and was it not justified? Yes it was justified. More and more people are observing Christmas every year. A few humble shepherds, on that holy night, and a few wise aristocrats a few days later, were the only visitors to Bethlehem to see the wonder God had wrought for man; but to-day That Sinless Boy, Now spreads the fame of his dear name On all the winds that blow.

II

PEACE! GOOD-WILL! We have an annual opportunity of approximating toward that ideal. Those last two or three weeks of what would be, without Christmas, bleak December, are fairly aglow with goodwill.

The light that shone on Bethlehem Fills all the world to-day.

That little Candle which came to dispel dispeace and darkness is shedding its beams in increasing strength, as

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Harold

An epidemic of colds is visiting this neighborhood, every home has one or more patients.

A great many of the friends of the late Mrs. Adella Cooke attended her funeral in Stirling on Friday last. Mrs. Cooke was loved by all her friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. John West had a narrow escape while motoring in Foxboro, owing to the icy condition of the roads which

are well rounded up, his car slewed and in righting it he plunged into the fence. Both car and occupants escaped unharmed.

Mr. Charles Dracup a former residence, now of Brighton is fox hunting in this Burg, but the foxes are all still running and doing well.

Mr. Barley Reid and friend of Peterboro visited his uncle T. M. Reid on Sunday last.

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Local and Personal

We hope our readers will consider
this column their very own. We
always appreciate receiving items
of local interest by telephone (59)
post card or by a friendly call at the
office.

Mr. Jack Shea, of Queen's Uni-
versity is home for the holidays.

River Valley W. I. will meet on
Wednesday, Jan. 7th.

Miss Dorothy Bailey of Toronto is
visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Butler.

Miss Helen Findlay is spending the
holiday at Carleton Place.

Miss Violet Meyer left on Saturday
for her home at Jordan's Station.

Mr. Ray Atkin will spend Christmas
Day at his home in Windsor.

Mr. Donald Ross is spending Christ-
mas with his father, Brigadier-General
A. E. Ross, M.P., Kingston.

Miss Marjorie Harrington will be at
her home in Wellington for the
Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Patterson will
spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs.
Beith of Corbyville.

Miss Grace Weese is spending the
Christmas holidays at her home in
Pictou.

Mrs. Bissonnette, Miss Hume and
Mr. Neil Bissonnette will spend Christ-
mas Day at Burnbrae.

Mr. Jack Fitzpatrick, of Niagara
is spending Christmas with his par-
ent, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Fitzpatrick.

Miss Minnie Fleming of Belleville is
spending the Christmas holidays at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S.
Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Matthews of
Peterboro are with Mr. Matthews's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Matthews
for the holiday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. McC. Potts and their
son Mr. Ned Potts expect to spend
Christmas in Belleville. The guests of
Mrs. Potts brother, Dr. Faulkner.

Miss Ida Marshall of Macdonald Col-
lege, Guelph, is spending the vacation
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S.
Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ferguson and
children Ruth and Ralph, of Oshawa,
will spend Christmas with Mrs. Fergu-
son's mother, Mrs. Mosher.

Mr. J. D. Mills, manager Stirling
Branch Bank of Montreal, left yester-
day for his home in Tillsonburg. He
will also spend a portion of his vaca-
tion with Mrs. Mills parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Ball of London.

Mr. Murray McGee, who is
attending Normal School at North
Bay, is spending the holidays with

CHRISTMAS DAY

POST OFFICE HOURS

Wicket opens

8 a. m. to 9.30 a. m.

1 p. m. to 3.30 p. m.

5.30 p. m. to 6 p. m.

Main lobby open all day for con-
venience of box-holders.

Skaters Look!

Rink will be open after-
noon and evening

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Get Your Season Tickets

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"A MYSTERY THRILLER"

A Kiss—A Struggle—A Shot

Then—

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Ask to see
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J. S. MORTON
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his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint.

McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy McGuire moved
into their new house on Church street
yesterday. Mrs. McGuire will not be
at home until after the New Year,
however. A further announcement
will be made then.

SIDNEY COUNCIL

(Continued from Page 1)

City of Belleville13.74

Lorne Hubble30.85

J. H. Armstrong18.00

Walker Hardware Co.4.95

Intelligencer Co.64.53

H. Hubble12.00

R. Oliphant50.00

H. C. Armstrong4.00

Municipal World3.16

Mrs E. B. Finkle and Mrs. F.

J. White interviewed the council

with reference to the use and heat-
ing of the Town Hall for short

Courses in Agriculture etc. and

were assured that the Womens In-
stitute would be given the use of

hall heated free of charges.

Moved by W. A. Reid and C.

H. Ketcheson that the caretaker

be instructed to take down and



Good Cheer for Christmas

Christmas Cake, Plum Puddings, Fried Cakes, Peels,
Pressed Raisins, Nuts, Oranges, in fact everything to
help you to eat and be merry.

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Auspices of Methodist Sunday School

Reserved seats 50c.

Plan at H. Hulin's

Sunday Services

Methodist Church

PASTOR—REV. C. W. BARRETT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 1924

10.00 a.m. Sunday School.

11 a.m.—"The Abundant Life."

7 p.m.—"Partnership with God."

MONDAY, 8 p.m.—Epworth League

CARMEL, SUNDAY, DEC. 28TH

Service—2.30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

MINISTER—REV. ROBT. SIMPSON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER, 28TH

10 a.m.—Sabbath School

Prof. The Rev. J. F. McFadyen of
Queen's Theological college will con-
duct the services.

Rawdon Circuit Notes

REV. FRED G. JOBLIN, Pastor.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 1924.

Mt. Pleasant—10.30 a.m.

Wellmans—2.30 p.m.

Bethel—7.00 p.m.

clean the stove pipes and chimney.
inspect pipes and replace any un-
fit for use by new ones—carried.

Moved by C. H. Ketcheson and
Col. Vanderwater that the Council
purchase a Coleman Lamp for use
in the Town Hall—carried.

A By-Law authorizing the Collec-
tor to continue the collection of
the 1924 taxes, and another ap-
pointing Deputy Returning officers
and Poll Clerks also a place for
holding nominations, were duly ex-
ecuted and numbered 829 and 830
respectively after which the Coun-
cil adjourned.

W. H. Nobes Clerk.

PROTECTS LATEST INVENTION

(Applied for Patents)

Application for patents covering the
adjustable features in the new Life-
buoy Overshoes for men and women
of all ages, has been made by the Kauf-
man Rubber Company, Limited,
Kitchener.

The name and design "Adjusto" has
been registered also and the Company
intends to institute vigorous proceed-
ings for any infringement of the laws
governing the illegal use of trade-
marked products or registered names.

Tired After Eating? Try This Simple Remedy

If you feel tired after eating, it is often
a sign of gas and undigested matter in
your stomach or bowels. Simple buck-
thorn bark, magnesium sulph. c.p. glys-
cerine, etc., as mixed in Adlerika, helps
any case gas on the stomach, unless due
to deep-seated causes. The QUICK ac-
tion will surprise you. Adlerika is won-
derful for constipation—it often works in
one hour and never gripes. J. S. Mor-
ton, Druggist.

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GEO. TOMPKINS,

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and Frame Barn, 2 lots, electric lights,
furnace, cistern and good well. Apply
GEO. WHITTY,

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15 ACRE FARM FOR SALE—well
drained and in high state of cultiva-
tion, 10 acres seeded to alfalfa, timo-
thy and alsike. Good 7-room house,
well at door. Barn, stable, pig pen
and hen house.

Also 3 lots with basement barn and
a new dwelling nearly completed 22 x
28 feet with good cement basement
and 2 cisterns. All within five min-
utes walk of Post Office, Stirling. Ap-
ply G. SINE, on premises. 13(d)

TO RENT

100 acres, over 90 acres work land
good buildings, well watered, north
east quarter of Lot 11, Concession 5,
Rawdon, west quarter of Lot 10, Con-
cession 5, Rawdon, known as the late
Ronald Nerrie Estate. Possession 16th
March 1925 Apply

Samuel Kirby, Harold P. O.
or Duncan Nerrie, Springbrook
Executors

FOR SALE—20 Ancona hens and a
few imported cockerels.

CORA FAULKNER. 17(a)

LOST and FOUND

Strayed one white sow. Finder
please notify John Cain, Harold P.O.

16 (a) Phone 88-5

LOST—Walker Hound (dog) in vicin-
ity of Crooked Lake, south of Bessem-
er, black and white with tan ears,
weight about 40 lbs, answers to
"Sport." Finder please return to this
paper. Reward. 17(a)

WANTED

WANTED to buy, Brood Sow to far-
row during January. Apply to G. F.
Spencer, Phone 97-2 Stirling. 15(c)

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and Weekly Star of Montreal have
been advised that they will receive free
of charge a beautiful calendar for 1925
with a most attractive picture in colors
entitled, "The Sale of Old Dobbin".
When one considers that the subscrip-
tion price of this big 72 page family
and farm journal is only \$2.00
per year, one is amazed by the value
received, but with a beautiful picture
calendar thrown in the value is indeed
superlative.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the Electors of the Village of Stir-
ling.

A public meeting will be held in the
Town Hall on Monday, December 28th
at 7 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of
nominating candidates for the posi-
tions of Reeve and Councillors for the
year 1925, and to nominate candidates
for School Trustees to serve on the
Board of Education for the year 1925.
The following are the retiring mem-
bers of the Board of Education: Dr. H.
H. Alger, Bert Bedford, F. T. Ward.
G. H. LUERY, Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Stirling Council wish to notify all
citizens that according to By-law No.
215 all citizens must remove all
snow from walks adjoining their prop-
erty, failing which men will be hired
to do the same and the costs entailed
will be added to the taxes of such prop-
erty.

G. H. LUERY, Clerk.

Plum Grove Cheese Factory

The Annual meeting of the above
will be held in the factory, on Satur-
day, Dec. 27th at 1 o'clock, for the
transaction of business pertaining to
the Company.

W. B. TOLTON,

Pres. 15 (b)

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acres tillable, ten acres maple bush, run-
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An up-to-date 190 acre farm, first-class
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Passenger..3.52 a.m. Passenger 1.13 a.m.

Passenger..6.05 a.m. Passenger 2.58 a.m.

Mail & Ex..2.14 p.m. Mail & Ex. 1.18 p.m.

Passenger 9.50 p.m.

Early morning trains stop for through
passengers only.

C. N. R.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:

GOING WEST GOING EAST

Mail & Ex..5.02 a.m. Passenger 1.17 a.m.

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The Quality of "SALADA" TEA

is most appreciated in the rich,
delicious flavor. Try it today.

About the House

The match-making mother is one of those people whom we often meet in novels and at the cinema. We seldom see her in real life, because such odium is attached to the match-making mother that most women steer clear of the role. They wash their hands of all responsibility and leave their daughters to shift for themselves about getting husbands.

This is wrong. Between the scheming mother who disposes of her daughter in marriage as if she were a slave on the auction block, and the mother who leaves her daughter's matrimonial fate entirely to chance, there is a wide field in which it is not only the province but the duty of a good mother to forward her child's happiness and well-being.

It is strange that so many mothers do not realize this, for nearly all women, even when they have not been happily married themselves, believe in marriage. They recognize it as woman's predestined place in life, the career in which she is most likely to find peace and contentment. Every woman wants her daughters to marry. She never feels safe about them until they are married, and the first breath of relief that a mother draws from the time her baby girl is born is when she sees her walking out of the church door on the arm of her husband.

This being the case, why is getting her daughter married not a legitimate occupation for the mother? Why should not a mother use her wisdom and experience in trying to secure a good husband for her child?

No mother has a right to use her influence to make her daughter marry any particular man just because he is a "good catch." But she should use her own matrimonial experience and her own knowledge of men to guide her girl in making the right choice of a husband.

Every woman knows that in affairs of the heart a ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. There is no use in arguing with a girl in love. She is temporarily incapable of seeing anything in its true light. She is deaf to all reason. Girls marry the men with whom they are thrown in contact. Hence it is the mother's duty to see that the men with whom her daughters associate are the kind she would welcome as her sons-in-law.

The sensible mother does not take into her family a handsome young relative and throw him into daily association with her daughter, and then howl with horror when she finds that they have fallen in love with each other and want to get married. Nor does she give the run of her house to some fascinating ne'er-do-well and then weep with despair when her daughter announces her intention of marrying him despite all the warnings that are held up before her as to how such a marriage is sure to turn out.

The managing mother prevents these catastrophes. Not believing in the marriage of cousins, she does not invite good-looking young kinsmen to make their home with her. She freezes out the undesirables.

The wise mother teaches her daughter that while love is the great thing in matrimony, it is not everything, and that a woman does not long love a husband who has not the solid qualities that command her respect. She teaches her that a man who can make his wife a comfortable living will hold her affections longer than one who starves her and repeats poetry to her. So, when the girl selects her life partner she does it intelligently, instead of marrying the first attractive man who strikes her fancy.

Men help their sons to start in business. Why should not mothers help their daughters to marry? That's the average girl's business in life.

AVOID CROWDING THE WINDOWS.

A few well-grown plants are more beautiful in the window garden than a compact mass can possibly be. I like to have every plant I grow show its individual beauty, which it cannot do when crowded by others. Then, if we have to divide our attention too much no plant will get the personal care that is so necessary to success. If you want to feel the greatest pride in your flowers aim to grow splendid specimens rather than a notable collection. I would rather grow one fine *Thurstonia* and have it so perfect that it would compel admiration than grow a couple of dozen begonias, all commonplace except the variety.

I would rather grow one fern that would fill a window with its filmy fronds than a half dozen smaller ferns of different kinds. My friends would thrill with me over the one while they would give the collection but a passing glance.—A. H.

AFTER THE LAST BLOW-OUT, OLD INNER TUBES HAVE MANY USES.

An old inner tube has many uses in the household after it has seen its last days on the automobile. If rubber bands of various widths are cut from it, they will find many uses around the household. A paper-wrapped package is quickly fastened with one or two of them. The parcel post package secured by these rubber bands arrive in good condition. Paraffined jelly glasses, if they have no covers, can be covered with circles of paper held in place by these rubber bands. Little daughter may use them as garters to hold bands in her bloomers.

If whole sections are cut, fringed and laced together, they make handy bags. The large size can be stretched down over the broom and saves much wear on the edges. Baby will have no end of fun rolling a ball through a piece of inner tube a foot long.

A VERY PLEASING BATH ROBE STYLE.



4959. Striped flannel, corduroy and eiderdown are good materials for a garment like this. It could also be made of quilted silk or satin, or of blanket cloth.

The Pattern is cut in 4 Sizes: Small, 34-36; Medium, 38-40; Large, 42-44; Extra Large, 46-48 inches bust measure. A Medium size requires 4 1/2 yards of 36-inch material.

Pattern mailed to any address on receipt of 20c in silver, by the Wilson Publishing Co., 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto.

Send 15c in silver for our up-to-date Fall and Winter 1924-1925 Book of Fashions.

TO A BABY.

Little rosy babykin with little rosy hands
Petal-like — yet metal-like with strength of iron bands!
Holding me and folding me in love's ecstatic mesh —
Love's ethereal spirit has been alchemized to flesh!

Dimpled little baby with a smile like honey-dew,
What has any human done to earn such wage as you?
Search my life of sin and strife however much I may,
Nothing half deserving you is found along the way.

Still we hold each other with a gladness all complete —
Gladness that is heavenly and wonderfully sweet.
I can only thank my stars for such a lovely fate —
Gosh! This makes a dozen lines; the editor told me eight!

—Strickland Gillilan.

BAKED RICE—MEXICAN STYLE

Besides being easily prepared, rice dishes are especially nourishing and a good substitute for potatoes which,

unless baked, cannot be prepared in a short time.
Rice can be cooked in twenty minutes and used at any time thereafter for several days. The following recipe for Mexican baked rice makes a very substantial "one-dish dinner" which is suitable for busy days.

Cook one and one-quarter cups of rice in boiling salted water for thirty minutes. Add one and one-half cups tomato juice, one large green pepper cut up fine, one-half cup chopped pimento and a dash of pepper. Mix together thoroughly and pour into a well-buttered enameled ware baking dish, the porcelain-like surface of which will not be affected by the acid in the tomatoes. On top place the tomato pulp, left after straining the juice. Bake thirty minutes in a hot oven. Serve while hot.

What One Remembers.
She (under the spell of nature)—
"Sad and sweet November! Makes one remember—"
He (rather more practical)—
"That next month's December—and bank accounts vanish with the old year."

For Sore Feet—Minard's Liniment

Power of the Will.
"In ourselves we are thus or thus. Our bodies are our gardens, to the which our wills are gardeners; so that if we will plant nettles or sow lettuce, set hyssop and weed up thyme, supply it with one gender of herbs or distract it with many, either to have it sterile with idleness or manured with industry, why, the power and corrigible authority of this lies in our wills.—Shakespeare's "Othello."

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FROM THE DESERT TO THE MILL

Great Engineering Feats to Help Trade.

In many parts of the world there is a boom in engineering, particularly in the construction of great dams. One is being erected on the Nile, which will be the largest in the world when completed—larger even than the famous Assuan Dam in Egypt—others are being constructed in India, while another wonderful piece of engineering will be the mighty works in course of erection on the Colorado River, the object of which is to harness that mighty force.

There are already, on the Nile, numerous lasting monuments to the skill and enterprise of British engineers, but this latest undertaking easily eclipses all previous works. The dam, which is being erected on the Blue Nile, was commenced some years ago, but the work was condemned. The Sudan Government then invited tenders, and a British firm, Messrs. S. Pearson and Company, were awarded the contract, the sum involved being four million pounds. The dam is being constructed for irrigation purposes, and if the company's engineers fail to have water upon the land by July, 1925, they will have to pay a penalty of \$500,000.

Cutting Up a Country.

Twenty thousand men are being employed in the construction of this, the Makwar Dam, but they can work regularly for only eight months in the year, the Nile being in flood during the other four months. Work during summer is also difficult owing to the extreme heat.

The top of the dam will act as a bridge for the Sudan Railway. The dam itself will be two miles long and will create a lake fifty miles long and two miles wide. From this lake will run a canal seventy miles long, from which, in turn, there will be 10,000

miles of smaller waterways, all of which will combine to distribute water and render fertile a vast tract of country.

At the present time there is a small army of British workpeople—mechanics and so on—in the Sudan cutting up the desert to make it blossom. And even after the work is completed Britain will continue to benefit, for it is estimated that 300,000 acres of the desert will, as a result of the work, be bearing a wonderful crop of cotton, much of which will, it is hoped, find its way to the mills of Lancashire.

Even more costly will be the irrigation project which has been begun in India, also by British engineers. This is the construction of a dam on the Indus River, the cost of which will be ten million pounds. There will be sixty-six sluice gates, 850 miles of main canals, and 1,200 miles of smaller distributaries.

The dam across the Colorado River will be twice the height of St. Paul's Cathedral, and will entail the expenditure of nearly fifty-five million dollars.

The River That Brings Ruin.

If the Colorado is not tamed there is no hope of saving from inundation the prosperous Imperial Valley with its 100,000 settlers and yearly crops representing a value of \$100,000,000.

The river flows at the phenomenal speed of thirty miles an hour, as fast as many trains! In 1906 it overflowed its banks, cut a deep channel thirty-five miles long through the desert, and formed what is known as the Salton Sea, a huge lake 50,000 acres in area.

Early in June, 1922, it wiped out almost half the Palo Verde Valley, helplessly submerging two towns, ruining thousands of dollars worth of standing crops and rendering thousands of people homeless.

A Poem You Ought to Know.

In a Dream-Nighted December.

The following lyric is by John Keats, and the concluding lines are among the most poignant in our literature:—

In a dream-nighted December,
Too happy, happy tree,
Thy branches ne'er remember
Their frozen felicity;
The north cannot undo them,
With a sleety whistle through them;
Nor frozen thawings glue them
From budding at the prime.

In a dream-nighted December,
Too happy, happy brook,
Thy bubblings ne'er remember
Apollo's summer look;
But with a sweet forgetting,
They stay their crystal fretting,
Never, never petting
About the frozen time.

Ah! would 'twere so with many
A gentle girl and boy!
But were there ever any
Wretched not at passed joy?
To know the change and feel it,
When there is none to heal it,
Nor numbed sense to steal it,
Was never said in rhyme.

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Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER IV.—(Cont'd.)

"No! and by heaven you don't leave me like that! Do you think that I, Peter Garvock, am going to be made a laughing-stock of in the place by a creature like you! That you and Stair between you will make me such a fool? I tell you, you haven't reckoned with Peter Garvock! I can crush him, as one crushes a fly on the pane. I have him fast by the heels, and I will crush him! He will never have either bread or salt to offer you, for he is incapable of earning an honest penny. His only asset is his handsome face, and we shall see!—we shall see!—and here there was actually foam on his lips—"we shall see how much it will do for him!"

Carlotta, sickened beyond telling, shaking with nervousness that was partly fear, turned and fled.

It was her first encounter with the mad, blind passion of a man baulked in his dearest desire. She had looked, as she imagined, into the depths of the innermost hell; yet, behind her natural shrinking, a vast pity lay. Never had Peter Garvock, in his kindest, most servile mood, pleading for her forbearance if not for her love, appealed as he had done now, in the throes of his jealous rage.

She wept as she sped across the field paths, choosing them blindly yet without mistake, so as to escape the scrutiny of the Sunday strollers. They were tears of dismay and of shame for herself, that she had awakened such passion in a man's soul. Never unaware of her power—for what attractive woman is?—she had altogether failed to gauge its depths. She had awakened fires which, perhaps, never would be quenched. And none knew to what heights these flames might rise!

She being quailed at the thought of danger to Stair.

Peter Garvock in such a mood was capable of murder, and the thought that he had her lover so much in his power sickened her with mortal fear. She paused, stumbling on the path, and, hesitating, looked back, half-minded to return and plead with him. But her pride forbade her. They were men, and must fight it out on the men's battle-ground. She dared not intervene. No woman could.

Left to himself, Peter Garvock paced the narrow clearing in the Cessnock woods, the prey of the darkest passion which can ravage a man's soul. All the inborn and hidden jealousy of his cousin Stair rushed up, kindled, permeating his whole being, poisoning the very air he breathed.

As cousins, at school and college, they had been pitted against one another, and every time Stair had carried off the palm with that ease and surety which follows those beloved of the gods, whom Nature has endowed with her most winsome gifts. Peter, the tortoise, slow, ponderous, unlovely to look at, blunt of speech, and sour of heart, had had to toil and mool, while Stair, with a smile and a glance of his merry laughing eyes, swept easily to the goal.

The only gate closed to Stair had been the power to make or accumulate money. And money is power! Money is power!

Peter Garvock rolled these words, like a sweet morsel, under his tongue, as he at last turned away, the door of his Paradise closed, to face a future in which Carlotta had no place. Alan Rankine should be made to feel that power. It would be used to the uttermost to grind him down, to render his union with Carlotta or with any woman impossible. His Uncle Claud, even against his better judgment, had allowed Peter Garvock's

fingers to get too closely about the roots of Stair.

Once or twice, rendered uneasy by chance scraps of conversation which she had overheard, Judy had asked a few questions, and even, on one occasion, ventured on a mild protest, but her father had reassured her.

"There are few shrewder men than your cousin Peter, my dear, and in spite of what people say of him, few more generous. We shall be perfectly safe with him, and it is far better to go to a relative for an obligation than to an outsider."

But that was just the point whereon Judy was by no means satisfied. She liked Peter. She even found certain qualities in him others had denied or belittled; but she was uneasy because of his growing proprietary interest in Stair. She wondered what Alan thought of it, but as yet they had not openly discussed the matter.

There were no misgivings in Peter Garvock's heart that Sunday afternoon as he strode savagely and swiftly to the Dalblair Inn for his horse. Nay, in his heart there was a deep and savage satisfaction that he had it in his power to rouse Alan Rankine in like coin for his treachery. The appeal Carlotta had made, the vivid and arresting statement about the swift birth of love between her and Stair, had had no effect on him, save, perhaps, to deepen his wrath. He was incapable of believing it, or of understanding a thing so subtle. Hard facts were all that Peter Garvock could deal with, and he would force his enemies to contemplation of them, too.

At the Dalblair Inn they wondered to see the laird of The Lees return for his horse so soon. Since he had begun to spend his Sundays at the Clock House, seven and eight hours' stabling had been required, and it was always dark before he rode away.

Seeing thunder on his brow, the ostler, something of a philosopher, decided that there had doubtless been a lovers' tiff.

Garvock rode straight home, arriving there about half-past four, and entered the house as his mother's tea-tray was being carried upstairs to the small drawing-room where they sat when alone.

The man started at sight of his master, and hesitated.

"Will you take tea, sir?"

"No, and say nothing to your mistress. I am going out again, and may be late."

Peter Garvock's Sunday was not yet over.

He left the house by the French window of the music-room, which had been a late addition to The Lees. Peter's mother was very musical, and, never having been strong, had spent much of her time cultivating her gift. The husband who had adored her, and who had loved to study her slightest whim, had built this noble annex, and fitted it up most sumptuously, though of late it had been little used. Lucy, the only daughter of The Lees, not having inherited her mother's musical gifts.

A wide sweep of exquisitely-kept turf, bounded by a fine stone balustrade, copied from Stair, made the back of The Lees even more imposing than the front. Beyond the balustrade the hill rose steeply, its sparse fir trees making good use of the space both for The Lees and Stair. Higher up it was quite bare, except for the heather clumps which grew among the boulders.

On the other side of the hill, or which Stair stood, and which faced the sea, the slope was entirely covered with heather, and lay beautifully to the sun, making a very fine background for the more stately home of the Rankines.

It was natural that the cousins, all friendly in their childhood, should have made a sharp-cut between the two houses. A small wicket gate, cunningly fashioned, opened out of the thick shrubbery at the far end of the terrace, and it was but a step through the fir belt to the sheep track and the march dyke which separated the two properties.

To this path Peter Garvock turned then in the glow of that beautiful Sunday afternoon, but the peace and beauty of it laid no healing balm or hush on his spirit. The sea had never looked more lovely, with the hills of Arran just visible through the tender mist.

The feeling of newness of life was everywhere; the cry of the lambs which dotted the hillsides, and the song of the laverocks in the lift filled the air with that wonderful, vivid sense of life and hope inseparable from the spring.

Peter Garvock had other things to think of than the beauty of a spring afternoon in one of the most beautiful spots in the world. After he had passed through the gate, he stood upon the lands of Stair he stood still, and, knitting his brows, seemed to take stock with frowning eyes of the boundaries.

He was measuring something, meditating, perhaps, on some fresh division which would equalize his rights.

"I can crush him!" he said between his teeth. "If I choose I can hound him out of Stair without paying to him one farthing. What can hungry acres do for a man? Why, nothing! He shall pay, pay, pay to the uttermost farthing!"

Suddenly, round the spur of the hill where the flag still flew, a man came high from the tower of Stair, he held a tall figure striding towards him—the man with whom his black thoughts were busy, the man

Canada from Coast to Coast

Vancouver, B.C.—Two cargoes of wheat were loaded here recently for export, which are of more than usual interest and indicate the increasing importance of Vancouver as a wheat exporter. One of 5,000 tons was for Vladivostok and the other of 1,000 tons went to Callao, Peru.

Edmonton, Alta.—Final arrangements are being made for the provincial incorporation of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers' Association. The promoters hope to enrol one-third of the producers of the province and it is anticipated that the pool will be in operation early next spring.

Regina, Sask.—The new wheat champion of the world, named at the 1924 International Hay and Grain Show, held at Chicago, is J. C. Mitchell, owner of a homestead quarter section at Dahinda, Sask. His exhibit was selected from 550 specimens from all parts of Canada and the United States. The winning sample, a bushel of hard red variety, gave Canada her thirteenth grand championship in the fourteen years' history of the show.

Winnipeg, Man.—Canada was a heavy winner in the hard red winter wheat division at the 1924 Chicago International Hay and Grain Show, taking twenty-five out of thirty places. J. C. Mitchell, of Dahinda, Sask., won the championship. Seager Wheeler, of Rosthern, Sask., was second. The

third and fifth places went to the U.S. Other Canadian winners in this division were: A. E. Dowling, Lusseland, Sask.; S. Larcombe, Birtle, Man.; H. G. L. Strange, Fenn, Alta.; Nick Taitinger, of Clarosholm, Alta.

Toronto, Ont.—Canadian shepherms were generally triumphant at the fifth International Live Stock Exposition held in Chicago. The blue ribbon for a breeders' entry went to the Champion South Down wether produced by Cecil Duggan, Wheatley, Ont. First honors in the Cotswold class went to H. M. Lee, Highgate, Ont., one of whose yearlings was picked for the international championship; F. B. Gaspe, Hampton, Ont., took off the big award for a pen of Cotswold lambs.

Montreal, Que.—With the close of Montreal's 1924 season of ocean traffic on December 3rd, the Harbor Master announced that 1,222 ocean and coasting ships had arrived in Montreal in 1924, as against 1,114 in 1923 and 1,194 in 1922, the best previous season. It is believed that a new record has also been established in the number of lake vessels visiting the port.

Port, N.B.—Potatoes are being shipped at the rate of 5,000 barrels weekly to England from the sheds of a local agency. The prospects are that 1,000,000 barrels will be shipped before the season closes. Messages from England are most complimentary as regards the quality of the shipments.



Yes, this is a real live wolf, which was roaming with a pack around Sault Ste. Marie only a few weeks ago. The animal was caught in a trap by Dr. F. Deamman of that district, and after being in custody for a time became quite tame.

YOUNG TIME'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

A Jolly Way to Usher Out the Old Year.

BY JEAN HATHAWAY.

As Father Time turns the last page of his 1924 diary, shall we give him a farewell party and greet the bright New Year with a gay birthday feast? New Year's Eve offers such a delightful excuse for entertaining a few friends and adding to the gaiety of the Holiday Season.

The invitations are written on correspondence cards decorated with a silhouette of Father Time cut from black kindergarten paper and pasted on the cards.

Every Month's invited
To Young Time's first party!
Dress to suit from top to boot
And make his welcome hearty.

Each girl invited to our party will be asked to wear a costume to represent a month in the New Year. She is also requested to keep the name of the month a secret. February will choose a crisp white frock decorated with red paper hearts and will carry a Cupid's bow and arrow. March may impersonate an Irish Maiden with emerald green, and shamrock proclaiming the feast of Saint Patrick which falls on the 17th of March. April will find it hard to choose between the April shower idea and the Easter bunny costume. Many of the months can be represented delightfully by crepe paper costumes.

Mystery shrouds the motives of the hostess as she receives and ushers the boys into one room and the girls into another. Each boy is given a card bearing the names of the Months who are attending the party and is asked to choose his partner for the evening. Much merriment is sure to accompany the selection if the girls have guarded well the secret of their costumes. As each month is chosen she is called from the adjoining room and joins her partner.

Next, Father Time, dressed in a flowing robe of black, wearing long whiskers and carrying a scythe or an hour glass—an old-fashioned "egg boiler" will do—enters and is introduced by the hostess. He carries a large document and reads from it the

prophecy for the New Year. The boy who represents Father Time is the humorist of the neighborhood and his prophecy will be a delightful combination of fun and facts for the amusement of everyone.

The next feature is pinning the hands on the clock. The face of a clock is drawn on an old sheet and hung on the wall. Each guest is blindfolded in turn and given a cardboard of the clock with the hand pointing to midnight. The winner of this contest is given a favor.

Cards are now passed and each guest is requested to write a New Year's resolution for the person seated at his right. Many resolutions will suggest themselves when the boys and girls know each other's little peculiarities. Then the cards are collected and the resolutions read aloud.

What is a party without a feast!

Since we are honoring the birth of the New Year, let's have real birthday refreshments. Ice cream, birthday cake, popcorn balls, fruit, candy and nuts would be good, don't you think? And shall we have red and green balloons floating over each place? These may have the names of the guests painted on with water colors and serve as place cards. Partners change at the supper hour. Red and green crepe paper ribbons form a canopy over the table, and evergreens are attractively arranged for additional decoration.

When places have been found and all are waiting expectantly to be seated, the New Year, a little boy dressed in white, enters carrying a wonderfully big birthday cake with the year 1925 written in red icing across the top and having one candle.

When the last piece of cake has dwindled away, the midnight chimes are heard and the New Year is "danced in" to the gay strains of an old-fashioned Sir Roger de Coverley in the midst of merry laughter, flying confetti and an entanglement of serpentine.

Commander Gooden Succeeds Brabant at Halifax

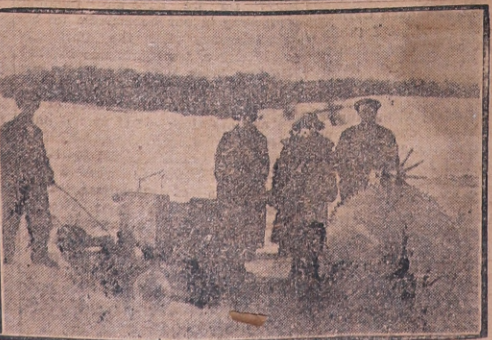
A despatch from London says:—Commander Massey Gooden, D.S.C., is being lent the Royal Canadian Navy for duty in succession to Commander F. H. Brabant, who commands the depot ship Stadacona at Halifax, at which port he is senior naval officer.

Commander Gooden was formerly second in command of the cruiser Constance, of the North America Station, and was also first lieutenant-commander of the Raleigh when she was lost by stranding off the Labrador Coast. He served afloat all through the war in the battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Courageous in 1916-18. The Distinguished Service Cross was conferred on him for service in action during the landing at Gallipoli.

France Placing Emphasis on Christmas Festival

New Year's Day is yielding precedence to Christmas for exchanging gifts in France, the children apparently having prevailed over their elders' preference for the *etrennes* of the first of the year, says a Paris despatch. Thus Noel this year is being observed in the traditional manner more than ever, and the shops have been crowded with fond parents in quest of jumpingjacks, toy trains and dolls, and shop managers claim their holiday sales have been record breaking.

The French child, however, does not know what it is to hang up his stocking, for the custom here is to put out the wooden shoes for St. Nicholas to fill. New Year's gifts will consist of jewels, as usual.



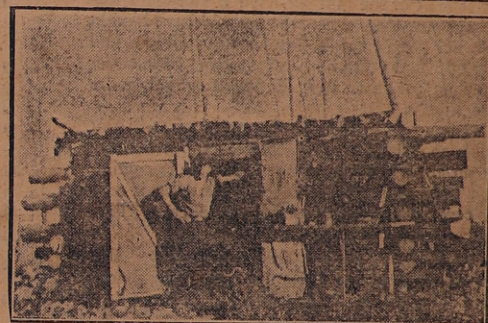
Occupying his leisure hours in building an ice cutter, simply because winter and some old machinery are at hand, S. C. Kilpatrick, of Breckenburg, Sask., found a satisfactory living in selling ice. He handles about 1,500 tons every winter.

The Week's Markets

TORONTO.
Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.86 1/4; No. 2 North, \$1.85 1/4; No. 3 North, \$1.76 1/4; No. 4 wheat, \$1.65 1/4.
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 71 1/2c; No. 3 CW, 69c; extra No. 1 feed, 70c; No. 1 feed, 68c; No. 2 feed, 66c.
All the above c.i.f. bay ports.
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.41 1/4.
Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$35.25; shorts, per ton, \$37.25; middlings, \$42.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.45.
Ont. wheat—No. 2 white, 48 to 50c.
Ont. oats—No. 2 winter, \$1.41 to \$1.43; No. 3 winter, \$1.39 to \$1.41; No. 1 commercial, \$1.37 to \$1.39, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.
Barley—Malting, 84 to 89c.
Buckwheat—No. 2, 80 to 83c.
Rye—No. 2, \$1.16 to \$1.19.
Man. flour—First patn., in jute sacks, \$9.60, Toronto; do, 2nd patn., \$9.10, Toronto.
Ont. flour—90 per cent. patn., \$7, in 48s, cotton bags, c.i.f.
Hay—No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14.50; No. 3, \$12.50.
Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9.
Screenings—Standard, cleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$27.
Cheese—New, large, 19c; twins, 19 1/2c to 20c; triplets, 21c; Stiltons, 22c. Old, large, 23 to 24c; twins, 24 to 25c; triplets, 25 to 26c.
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 39 to 40c; No. 1 creamery, 37 to 38c; No. 2, 36 to 38c; dairy prints, 28 to 30c.
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 58 to 70c; loose, 45 to 49c; storage extras, in cartons, 48 to 49c; loose, 47 to 48c; storage firsts, 44 to 45c; storage seconds, 38 to 39c.
Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 20c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 13c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 23c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 18c; geese, 20c; turkeys, 35c.
Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 16c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 28c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 25c; geese, 21c; turkeys, 37c.
Beans—Can. hand-picked, lb., 6 1/2c; primes, 6c.
Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.
Honey—60-lb. tins, 13 1/2c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13 1/2c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 15 1/2c to 16c.
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 25 to 26c; cooked hams, 37 to 38c; smoked

rolls, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 21 to 23c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c; backs, boneless, 29 to 30c.
Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 60 to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.80; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$33; heavyweight rolls, \$27.
Lard—Pure, tierces, 18 to 18 1/4c; tubs, 18 1/4 to 19c; pails, 18 1/4 to 19 1/4c; do, com., \$4 to \$4 1/2; shortening, tierces, 14 1/2 to 15c; tubs, 14 1/2 to 15 1/4c; pails, 15 1/2 to 16c; prints, 17 to 17 1/2c.
Heavy beef steers, \$8 to \$8 1/2; butcher steers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7; do, fair to good, \$5 to \$6; do, com., \$4 to \$4 1/2; butcher heifers, good to choice, \$6 to \$6 1/2; do, fair to good, \$4.50 to \$5; do, com., \$3.50 to \$3 1/2; butcher cows, choice, \$4.25 to \$4 1/2; do, fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$1.50 to \$2; butcher bulls, good, \$4 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.75 to \$4; bologna, \$2 to \$2 1/2; feeding steers, good, \$5.50 to \$6; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4 to \$4 1/2; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4; calves, choice, \$10.50 to \$11.50; do, med., \$9 to \$9.50; do, grassers, \$3 to \$4; milk cows, choice, \$7 to \$7 1/2; fair cows, \$4.5 to \$5; springers, choice, \$8 to \$10; good light sheep, \$6.50 to \$7.50; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$6.25; culls, \$3 to \$4.50; good ewe lambs, \$11.50 to \$12.50; bucks, \$9.50 to \$10; do, med., \$9.50 to \$10; do, culls, \$8 to \$9; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$9.50 to \$9.85; do, f.o.b., \$9 to \$9.25; do, country points, \$8.75 to \$9; do, off cars, \$10 to \$10.25; select premium, \$1.83 to \$1.88.

MONTREAL.
Oats—No. 2 CW, 75c; No. 3 CW, 73c; extra No. 1 feed, 70 1/2c. Flour—Man. spring wheat patn., firsts, \$9.50; seconds, \$9.10; strong bakers, \$8.50; winter patn., choice, \$6.90 to \$7. Rolled oats, 90-lb. bag, \$3.85 to \$3.95. Bran, \$35.25. Shorts, \$37.25. Middlings, \$48.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14 to \$14.50.
Butter, No. 1, pasteurized, 35 1/2 to 36c; No. 1 creamery, 34 1/2 to 35c; seconds, 33 1/2 to 33 3/4c. Eggs, storage, extras, 48c; storage firsts, 43 to 44c; storage seconds, 39 to 40c; fresh extras, 70c; fresh firsts, 55c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 60 to 65c.
Good veals, \$10; med., \$8, fairly good lambs, \$12; 50, poorer ones, \$11.50; hogs, mixed lots of good quality, \$10.25; poorer quality and lighter hogs, \$10 and \$10.15; selects, \$10.50; sows, \$8 to \$8.25.



Here is one of the crude but serviceable cabins in which prospectors make their homes for part of the year. In the photograph is William Empey of Ingersoll, Ontario, taken nine miles southwest of Timmins.

Last Black Maria is Retired from Service.

A feature of London street scenes since 1838 passed recently when the last of the old horse-drawn prison vans was scrapped. Henceforth all prison vans will be motor ones, says a London despatch.

The Black Marias, as they were called, were closely covered, black painted vans, very hard and very uncomfortable, and they were used to convey prisoners from the court to prison, and vice versa. The sight of a Black Maria (they were never called anything else) always was cause for a crowd to collect, and very often groups of small boys would follow it from one place to another. Being horse-drawn they never attained any great speed. The vans were big. They contained twelve little cells, six on each side of a passage way, and with cells full, as frequently happened during the war, the Maria held fifteen—twelve prisoners, a matron, who sat at one end of the passage dividing the cells; a sergeant, who sat with his back to the door, and the driver, perched on his box seat outside.

What will happen to this old relic (officially Black Maria No. 20) no one seems to know at present. The proper place for her, it is thought, is the Black Museum at Scotland Yard, where all sorts of criminal relics are collected, but there is no room for her there. It is rumored that a prospective purchaser has been after her for weeks. This man wants, it is said, to take away the cell partitions and make a cosy caravan.

Although Black Maria No. 20 has been on the roads almost forty years, she was so soundly constructed that she shows practically no signs of wear.

120,000 Barrels of Canadian Flour Shipped to Russia

A despatch from New York says:—Two full cargoes of Canadian flour, aggregating 120,000 barrels, were sold here for immediate shipment to Russia. One cargo, it was said, would go to the port of Batum, on the Black Sea, and the other to Leningrad. Shippers believe that this demand is a definite evidence of shortage in bread grains in Russia.

BOY PERISHED IN QUEST FOR XMAS TREE

Fort William Turned Out to Search for Lad Overcome by Storm in Bush.

A despatch from Fort William says:—Responding to Mayor Edmondson's appeal to the citizens of Fort William to help in finding Ernie Elvish, over 300 men and boys, massed under the leadership of City Engineer Symes at 9 o'clock Thursday morning for the most thorough search of the area where the 7 1/2-year-old boy perished in a wild snowstorm Monday night.

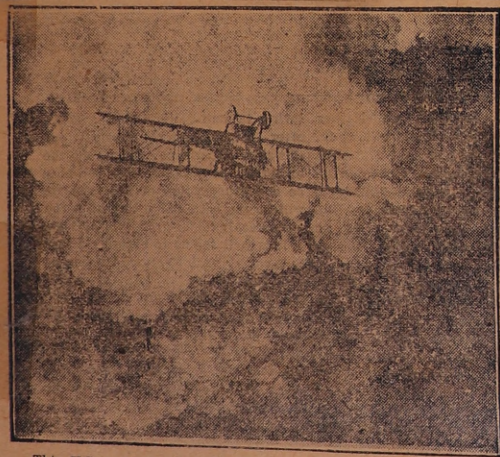
Penetrating the area near the power line about a mile from the Davidson & Smith's elevator at 4.10 o'clock Thursday afternoon, a party of searchers found the boy's body, half hidden by a mantle of snow.

The report of the discovery was flashed to city headquarters a few minutes later, and was followed by the tolling of the bell in the dome of St. Paul's church. The flag at the masthead of the City Hall was lowered to half-mast.

The distance from the spot where the child's body was found to the place where he and Jackie Saunders separated last Monday evening is nearly a mile, indicating that the child had wandered with the wind at his back, unable to face the storm. Hunters in the search were called together by signals and returned to the city. More than 250 men and boys were engaged in the successful hunt. The finding of the body brings to a close the hunt for a child that had been lost since Monday evening, a quest in which all Fort William participated.

Apart from the mother and father of Ernie Elvish, there is no other who feels the loss more keenly than Ernie's young pal and companion on the hunt for a Christmas tree on that fatal Monday evening.

Antelopes in Alberta.
The reports of the state of the antelope herd in the antelope reserve maintained by the National Park Branch at Nemiskam, Alta., continue most satisfactory. There are now 150 of these animals in this reserve, 130 numbers having increased by 50 in 14 past year.



This U.S. army airplane, equipped with the new radio compass, flies through clouds almost out of sight of land. The new instrument enables a pilot to know his exact location while in the fog without the use of landmarks.

No German War of Revenge, Says French Prophet

A despatch from Paris says:—France's most active prophet, Prof. Raymond, predicts a Japanese-American war some time between 1942 and 1950.

His annual prognostication for the ensuing year has just been published, but it is so thin, he finds it necessary to explore the future for a generation ahead to make up for the uneventfulness of 1925, which he sees as more peaceful than any year since before the war.

There will be no war of revenge between Germany and France, he predicts, but rather a rapprochement between 1934 and 1938. President Coolidge will soon call an international financial conference with the participation of big American banks to put finances on a sound basis. In a few years inter-allied debts will be settled commercially in a way practically relieving the debtors of all payments.

Prof. Raymond sees Bavaria a monarchy again under the Wittelsbachs and protecting Austria. Earthquakes in Italy, Russian entrance into the League of Nations in 1926, tightening of American relations with Europe, and a railway catastrophe on a Pacific railway in the United States are among the predictions.

The United States produces 40,000 tons of borax a year.

Cossacks Desire to Establish Homes in the Dominion

Colonel Vladimir Kishinsky, of Manchuria, is a visitor in Winnipeg, his mission in Canada being to obtain sanction for the entry of 2,000 Cossack families that wish to settle on lands in the West. Colonel Kishinsky is proceeding to Ottawa, where he will present a petition from the Cossack colony residing at Harbin, Manchuria, since the revolution in Russia.

The colonel said his compatriots in China all had been land owners under the Czar's regime; that they were accustomed to this life and sought to prosper in Canada. The colony at Harbin has organized a governmental group of its own, with a president and legislative body, and from them Colonel Kishinsky carried a power of attorney to the Canadian Government.

"We were driven out to look for peaceful homes; we fear God; we will never disobey your government, and all the Cossacks have a high opinion of your national history," the colonel said.

It doesn't do to be too finicky. Be willing to try new foods. There are many good foods used and enjoyed in one section of this country that are almost unknown in other sections. Try the new things and have a variety on your table.

Belleville Milling Co., Limited

Capital \$200,000 in units of \$100 each.

This Company has been formed to take over the elevator and seed cleaning plant, situated on the siding of the C.N. Railway at Frankford, owned by Cory & Co., also the elevator and mill of the Belleville Milling Co., 50 Albion Street, Belleville, Ont.

The capacity of Frankford elevator is 15,000 bushels bulk grain and four cars bagged feeds.

The capacity of Belleville plant is 50,000 bushels bulk grain and eight cars bagged feeds.

The Frankford plant is equipped with a seed cleaning power mill and the Belleville plant is equipped with a grinder and motor in the mill; and the elevator with all necessary machinery for loading and unloading cars quickly and at very little cost.

If we show you a proposition that will make you 20 per cent on your investment, will you invest some money in it? The Company will put 10,000 cases of eggs in cold storage every year, buying them in the Spring when they are cheap and selling them in the Winter when they are high in price. Last Spring eggs were worth 21c. The case and grading would bring the price to 25c. To-day they are worth 52c. If we sold them at 40c. they would make a profit of \$4.50 per 30 dozen case. On 10,000 cases this would be \$45,000 or enough to pay 20 per cent on the entire capital and \$5,000 over.

The Company will make Buckwheat flour. It takes 2½ bushels to make a bag of flour at 90c. would be \$2.25. It costs 5c. for a bag which would make the cost \$2.30. We can sell ten cars to-day at \$3.50 on the car at the mill door, or at a profit of \$1.20 per bag. Five hundred bags to a car at \$1.20 would be \$600 on a car and ten cars would give us a profit of \$6,000.

The Company will buy alsike, red clover and other seeds, cleaning same over our own mills, and exporting the seed that will not grade to the Old Country and everything that will grade we will sell to the Canadian trade each year. It will be a poor year when we will not make \$5,000 on this line.

The Company will also put up Garden Seeds on which the profit is very large. We will handle all kinds of Field seeds, such as turnip, mangels, etc., on which the profit is 100 per cent on these lines the profit will be at least \$7,000 every year.

In the basement of the mill we have a storage space for 10,000 bags potatoes. Last fall we could have bought them at 40c. per bag in Brighton township. They would have cost us 50c. laid down here and potatoes have never sold for less than 75c. this Winter, which would make us \$2,500 each year.

The Company will make Alfalfa meal. It will not be any trouble to sell 200 cars each year on which we can make a profit of \$8.00 per ton. The time is coming when Alfalfa Meal will take the place of bran, as it contains 20 per cent protein and bran only 12 per cent. This will show us a profit of \$32,000 each year.

We will also make scratch feed for poultry. We will make one high grade feed from wheat, corn, buckwheat, Kaffer corn, and sunflower seed.

We will also make a cheaper scratch feed from salvage wheat cracked corn, barley, oats and buckwheat, and have scratch feeds we can sell to all classes of trade. These can be put up at a profit of 25c. per bag. We will sell 50,000 bags of this line each year.

We will also make developing meal and laying meal on which there is a profit of 50c. a bag and will sell 20,000 bags a year. We will make chick feed for young chicks from wheat, corn, millet and grit, on which there is a profit of from 50c. to \$1.00 per bag and large quantities sold.

This is a message of VITAL IMPORTANCE to the farming community of this vicinity—an opportunity to make the products of your labor pay you greater returns—your surplus earnings create SAFE AND SUBSTANTIAL PROFITS in an organization which has been incorporated for YOUR BENEFIT on a sound, sane business basis, with a record of square dealing in transacting business with the producers of this vicinity. We invite and court investigation, through reliable and responsible Banking institutions—as to our standing and reliability—and we are offering the prospective associates of this organization an opportunity of investment which on its MERITS is a REAL GOLD-EN OPPORTUNITY to every farmer in the surrounding districts; because we have proven our proposition to satisfaction of a representative body of farmer investors of this vicinity, that our policies and promises are based on FACTS and not on supposition. Because we have our Plants and facilities fully equipped. This organization will be free from all encumbrances and liabilities—consequently your investment pays immediately—no delay or uncertainty, but prompt substantial returns will be realized at ONCE.

We can do this BECAUSE we HAVE bought and shipped over forty thousand bushels of grain from this section this year—and have established a permanent demand and markets for such commodities as are manufactured from these grains, in addition to the above shipments of whole grain—thus we will be in position to utilize all the grain grown in this section creating a large and increasing demand for such products that the farmer produces.

By creating demand, we benefit the producer who in turn has at all times a steady and ready demand locally for the produce he so greatly depends on to make his income.

Is this not a **vital reason why you as a producer should interest yourself in an organization that is so closely allied to your interest, which also offers you an equal interest regardless of the amount you invest?** This investment will stand the **acid test**—and appeals to you not on **golden promises**—but on **substantial business principles—tangible facts—the Belleville Milling Co., Limited, straight capital basis—no promotion or brokerage fees paid.**

There is not the least doubt but what this organization will pay at least 20 per cent on the investment. It is not an oil well in Texas or a mine in British Columbia, but a Mill where you can come at any time and see what is going on.

We have sold a lot of this stock want to place the balance of \$50,000 before January 1st, so we can start the New Company off with the New Year. The balance

of the stock will be released from time to time as required.

This Company will be run on the same lines as the Cheese Factories. Each year the Directors will be appointed by the shareholders. At the present time, when you sell your produce, that is the last you get out of it. In this case the organization will pay you market price for your grain and produce and at the end of each year divide the profits among the shareholders.

We will not require any high priced experts to run the Plant; the manager only being paid a living wage of \$2,000 each year. The directors get \$5.00 for each meeting. The manager (F. A. Cory) has bought your grain and produce for the past ten years and has always paid for it as agreed. I have the markets and experience (some of which I have paid for) and am in a position to sell your products to the best advantage.

If I was not absolutely sure that this proposition would pay big profits and is absolutely safe I would not ask any one to put a dollar in it. I know because I have been in the business for ten years.

In view of the above facts I feel that every farmer should take at least one share in this organization as it is to the mutual benefit of every producer to belong and be your own middleman, and enjoy the profits on your own produce that you work hard for; and which at the present time is going to the dealers. As a lot of the shares are already subscribed for it will be necessary to act at once, as we are only going to issue fifty thousand dollars at the present time. As soon as the Company starts to operate these shares will be worth double the par value.

I ask you in all sincerity if you can afford to pass this opportunity by, when you have the chance to become a member of this organization? I do not think you can. As we said before we invite you to investigate this proposition as far as you like, as we have nothing to hide.

Cut out this application and fill it out for any number of shares you want and mail it at once. Do it now.

THE BELLEVILLE MILLING COMPANY, Limited
BELLEVILLE, ONT.

I hereby make application for

Shares of **The Belleville Milling Company, Limited,** and herewith hand you my cheque for

_____ Dollars, being 25 per cent of my subscription. I hereby agree to pay the balance of _____ dollars

on notice of allotment for the shares herein applied for.

I acknowledge having received a copy of the prospectus of the **The Belleville Milling Company, Limited.**

Season's Greetings

McCOY'S

Shoe Repairing

FRONT STREET

Opp. KERBY HOUSE.

Harry E. Hulin

The Busy Grocery and Meat Market
We take this opportunity to thank our many Patrons for their Patronage and to wish them all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We also offer a few suggestions for Christmas Shopping.

New Raisins, Currants, Peel and Everthing you want for your Christmas Cake.

A large assortment of Candies, Oranges, Nuts, Grapes, etc.

Fresh, Cured and Cooked Meats of all Kinds.

Harry E. Hulin

Front St.

Phone 80

Stirling

Giving Expression to

The Christmas Spirit

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so that a fine gift is given to some relative, who in all probability does not need the particular article but likely feels an equal strain in returning this expensive gift.

Then, again do you ever think of the useless nervous energy that is used up at Christmas time? Shoppers and clerks are very much harassed. Mothers are worn out by baking great cakes and elaborate puddings. Even the children are tired out with Christmas entertainments and festivities. So many people have (no nerves left) by the time Christmas day approaches. This I fear is the result of doing things simply because it is custom.

Just look at the dinners we eat. We think we cannot do without turkey, even if it is 70c. a pound. Many people add to that rich plum pudding and mince pie. A certain Toronto doctor said, 'It takes my patients on an average, a month to get over Christmas. He went on to explain that he did not mean sick people but rather that children and grown folks suffered from over-eating.

It would look as though Christmas had degenerated and yet I think as never before, a greater number of people are coming to have a truer conception of the Christmas Spirit.

Let us consider gift-giving—An old lady, whom I once knew used to say to her grandchildren, 'I'm not wealthy, and I can afford only a certain amount of giving at Christmas. Plenty of every kind abounds in your home. I'll give my Christmas gifts to the needy.' Her grandchildren, I think, had and have always a very happy Christmas in their grandmother's home, and they enjoy it none the less because some needy person gets a good goose or someone else a fine roll of butter. I don't mean that we should eliminate the giving of presents to our loved ones, but it is often carried to extremes in very large family circles. I know a scheme whereby a large family

group draw tickets and each one gives one present and receives one. This of course does not prevent those in one home from exchanging gifts. Even in our churches we encourage this. We give gifts to our Sunday School children. I think that our Sunday Schools should certainly see to it that unfortunate children have a happy Christmas. It would be a good time to inculcate the spirit of giving in our children. The spirit of getting is already implanted there. Some churches have a Great White Throne each Christmas tide and their children bring their gifts wrapped in white and lay them on the altar. Expensive gifts do not always bring happiness. Sometimes a kindly letter will give more lasting happiness than a hundred dollar present could possibly give. Christmas is a time when we can express our appreciation of our friends. I have known people to say, 'I got a letter at Christmas which meant more to me than any gift.' This giving of yourself means sacrifice, too. Letters cannot be sent without time and care expended on them, but they may easily be a labour of love. Try it.

How do we spend our Christmas day? Do we have any religious ceremony in our homes? Do we begin the day with the Christmas story and a few Christmas hymns? Do we bring the stranger in our midst into our homes? These are searching questions for each of us to ask ourselves. Let us not only give gifts but give ourselves. This shows more of the Christ Spirit.

There are two pictures we may easily have of Christmas. Take two homes of the same circumstances in life. The one may have a day that is filled with expensive presents, elaborate meals, quarrelling children, headachy grown folks who are bored to death. This may seem overdrawn, but if selfishness predominates in our Christmas festivities, it can't mean a happy time.

Let's not keep up with the Jones in our Christmas celebrations. Let's be ourselves at this time. On the other hand it is easy to have a picture of happy child-

ren, a white-headed grandfather, who leads a simple Thanksgiving for all that Christmas means; a mother, who is assisted by her family in all the work and a general feeling of peace and good will abounds. Did you ever try this rule—Let no harsh words pass your lips on Christmas Day.

For better is a dinner of herbs, where love is, than stalled ox and hatred therewith.

But the Christmas spirit should not last only for the one day. Christmas, if it means anything must stand for love and sacrifice.

God is love and we can best express the Christmas spirit by being

loving in our daily living. That after all is the real test of our Christian experience. If we do the loving act daily, Christmas will only be a consummation of love and we will be the better, able to realize the more keenly God's great gift of love.

It is well for us to remember that to have a real Christmas we must have started on Dec. 25, to prepare for the next Christmas.

It is never easy to accomplish the ideal, but we can strive to live so that when the Christmas bells ring out, they will bring good tidings unto us, because unto us this day in the city of David is born a Saviour, press the Christmas spirit by being which is Christ the Lord.

WANTED

Logs and Bolts

Good, clean, soft Elm, Birch, Soft and Hard Maple Logs, 14 inches and over in diameter, cut 5, 10 and 15ft. long (cut off all shaky butts) for which we will pay \$30.00 per 1,000 ft. delivered in our yard; also Basswood logs cut 10 and 12 ft. at \$25.00 per thousand feet delivered at our yard.

Pine, Balsam and Basswood Bolts, 54 in. long, 6 in. and over in diameter for which we will pay \$8.00 per cord delivered in our yard. Poplar and Spruce bolts at \$6.00 per cord.

TIES

A limited number of ties cut 8ft. long, 9½ in. and over in diameter for a No. 1 tie. from 8 in. to 9½ in. in diameter is 2nd class. Ties to go in first class must be straight. We will pay the following prices:—White Oak No. 1, 95c. No. 2, 70c. Red Oak No. 1, 70c. No. 2, 45c. Hardwood No. 1, 45c. No. 2, 35c. These prices are delivered at our yard. Cut all ties as nearly right length as possible and to be cut square at both ends.

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MAY ALL OUR READERS ENJOY A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Interesting Letter from Rev. W. Stevens

Native Ceremonies in New Mexico V. vividly Described—Ritualistic and Realistic Dances

Editor of Stirling News-Argus:

Dear Sir, When I was visiting in your town, I remember you asked me to write anything of interest to your readers that might come under my observation in this wonderful Southwest country. I have about three incidents that I think might be of general interest, if you find them not so, why treat them accordingly. The scene under above caption was witnessed by many in this State, on Friday last week, Dec. twelfth.

Hoary heads, bent in the life-long struggle of keeping alive, were decorated in what meagre gaudiness they possessed, in honor of 'Our Lady Guadalupe,' mother of God Friday at Tortugas, South of Las Cruces, (meaning, The Crosses).

All day Friday they kept up an untiring continuation of what was a serious and solemn religious observance, rather than a merry making Fiesta. The night before half a dozen women, (Mexican), walked barefooted to Tortugas mountain, a matter of about six miles, and back, with babies in their arms, to do penance for their sins, and in honor of the virgin saint Gaudalupa.

ROOFS ILLUMINATED

Tortugas mountain the night before was weird and beautiful with a burning cross down its side, made of bonfires, in outline. One by one the fires died out leaving a ragged irregular figure. This is the annual custom of the Indians and Mexicans at Tortugas.

Most picturesque of all were the lights placed around the outside wall of the roofs of the Adobe houses. Each household that wishes to declare itself participant in the observance, places these lights on top of the houses. A paper sack weighted with sand is arranged with a candle inside. These are placed at intervals of a few inches apart on top of the outside wall. Thus the whole village was quite brilliantly illuminated.

TRIBE SADLY SCATTERED

Special mass is said by the priest in the morning. The little church, with its dirt floor, was filled with ardent worshippers. Unusually beautiful music was furnished by the members of the Fountain family.

The dances were similar to those given in Old Mexico, on the same date. Part of the population of Tortugas is Indian, and the balance Mexican, so the dances were divided into two parts or groups, Indian and Mexican.

The Indians are descendants of the Tiguas and Piroas, most of them are Tiguas. The home of the Tiguas is at Yaleta, New Mexico, and there is just a handful of Piroas and Tiguas left scattered from Tortugas and Yaleta, Texas, a distance of about three hundred miles.

DANCES REALISTIC AND RITUALISTIC

About 20 took part in the Indian dance. The women lined up on one side and the men on the other. The women had a knot of ribbon on the backs of their heads with many streamers of brilliant colored ribbon hanging down. The men were not costumed, but each who had pledged himself to take part in the dances till the day was over, had

Candidates for Stirling Council

The following candidates have qualified:

For Reeve—
C. B. McGuire
C. A. Vanallen

For Councilors—
E. G. Bailey
D. A. Burkitt
Thos. Cranston
S. A. Hutton
H. Morton
Jettie Thompson

Be sure to read the election cards on the back page.

a streak of red paint on each side of his nose.

Four dancers, two men and two women, occupied the centre of the square. The men carried bows, and the women an arrow in each hand. Figures of the usual Indian dance were performed by the four until they grew tired, when four others took their places.

Six of the wiser 'graybeards' of the village sang Indian songs accompanied by the tom tom. It took an hour to work in all the figures and complete the dance, and it repeated over and over again until the close of the day. At the end all the dancers joined in forming the swastika, the closing figure of the dance. Four young men whose clothes and haircut smacked of the modern 'Sheik' stood on each side and fired shotguns at the end of each figure of the dance. 'Captains' (Captains) with switches in their hands, were busily running round all the while, to see that all went well.

DANCES HELD LATER

When the Indians had finished their performances and gone off with lingering echoes of the tom tom, the Mexicans appeared in the Dance of Juan Diego (Whan Deago). Twelve men and two small girls took part. Music was furnished by a violin. Elaborate headgear with tinsel and mirrors was worn, and each man had a handkerchief fastened over the lower part of his face. Each one carried a rattle decorated with tinsel in the left hand, and an ornament like those used on Christmas trees in the right. The little girls were dressed in white with white veils over their face.

But the serious and religious dignity did not last all day, although it was supposed to. Music and dancing for pleasure was going on at noon at the home of the priest, and rooms were being cleared in other houses for a 'Baile' (Ball or Dance) when the virgin saint Guadalupe should be completely pleased with the days observance in her honor. VERILY THE GOSPEL IS NEEDED IN THESE PLACES.

W. H. Stevens.

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Sr. IV—Hadel Dracup 74.

Jr. IV—Florence Dunham 72, Leah Hoover 70, Lulu Hoover 68, Carl Dunham 60.

Sr. III—Mina Dracup 75, Omar Dracup 69.

Jr. III—Charlie Dracup 63, George Hind 55.

II—Dorothy Dunham 70, Irene Dracup 65.

I—Stewart Hoover.

LUELLA MATTHEWS.

Municipal Election Necessary This Year

Reeve McGuire to be Opposed by C. Vanallen—Many Nominations for Council—Trustees Returned Unopposed

Stirling is staging a municipal election this year. Neither Reeve C. B. McGuire, nor the retiring councilors will be returned unopposed. Mr. Chas. Vanallen is in the field for reeve and ten other citizens were placed in nomination for the council at the nomination meeting in the town hall on Monday evening. Those nominated for Councilors were, Messrs. L. Meiklejohn, E. G. Bailey, H. Morton, S. Hutton, Jettie Thompson, Jas. Cranston, Thos. Cranston, W. Harlow, A. Kirke, R. Christie, German Sine and D. Burkitt. These were allowed until Tuesday evening at nine o'clock to qualify or withdraw.

Reeve McGuire was nominated by S. Hutton and E. G. Bailey and Mr. VanAllen by Robt. Eggleton and M. Westcott.

There will be no contest for the Board of Education, the three retiring members, Dr. H. H. Alger, and Messrs. F. T. Ward and B. Bedford being returned by acclamation.

OLD COUNCIL SPEAKS

At eight o'clock, when the hour for receiving nominations closed, Mr. G. H. Luery, village clerk, called the meeting to order and announced the candidates. He then called on Reeve McGuire to give an account of his stewardship. Mr. McGuire stated that his relationship with the retiring Council had been most pleasant. He pointed out that the village had much to be thankful for during the year. There had been no serious outbreak of disease and everyone had prospered. After extending his sympathy to those families that had been visited by death and illness he proceeded to get into the financial statement in detail, urging his hearers to interrupt whenever they wanted explanations. This invitation was taken advantage of by Mr. W. Harlow who wanted many details regarding the management of the cemetery.

Reeve McGuire pointed out that the schools and the county rates made up the bulk of the taxes and that no new work and only a minimum of repair work had been undertaken during the year. He felt that the School Act should be amended so that the townships sending pupils to the High School would pay a share of the cost. He showed that a number of the town debentures were nearly expired and if the debenture debt was not added to, taxes would soon be reduced still further. He declared he was in the field to stay, that he had given his best to the village in the past and, if elected, would continue to do so.

Councillor L. Meiklejohn was the next speaker. He declared that the cemetery had always paid its way, but that it would be the duty of the new council to collect a number of outstanding accounts, by legal processes, if necessary. He stated that the Council had done nothing during the year and consequently had been able to reduce the tax rate. To still further improve the financial standing "we need more and larger families," he declared. He complimented Reeve McGuire for his good work on the Finance Committee of the County Council and detailed the increase in the cost of the schools in recent years. He hoped the School Board would be able to reduce the rates next year.

HYDRO PROGRESS

He then went into the history of the Electric Dept. Fifteen years ago it started with nothing. Now the assets exceed liabilities by over \$24,000. He gave some statistics showing how general was the use of the system in the village and asserted that as the plant was getting old repairs would be needed constantly. He paid a tribute to Mr. Frank Sprentall for his fine management and pointed out that the Electric debentures and the agreement with the Hydro would expire about the same time in about five years. Rates would then likely be increased, but with no debentures to meet, rates to consumers would remain much the same.

Councillors E. Bailey, H. Morton and S. Morton spoke briefly. The latter stated that a certain amount of street repairs and grading would be necessary next year.

SCHOOL EXPENSES

The chairman then referred to the (Continued on Page 4)

"Red" Ryan's Getaway Car Back in Stirling

Car Stolen from Mr. Frank Sarles 15 Months Ago Traced by Officials to Provincial Police and Brought Back to Stirling Last Week.

It was on the 17th of December, 1923 that "Red" Ryan, bandit and escaped convict paid Stirling a brief visit. His getaway was hurried and spectacular. He stole Mr. Frank Sarles' new Maxwell car from where it was standing in front of the Methodist Church and drove to Toronto, where both he and the car were captured. For some reason or other the police seemed to have lost track of the identity of the car and instead of returning it to its rightful owner it was sold by auction. However, Mr. Sarles did a little head work on his own account. He sent a full description of his car to the Dept. of Highways and asked the officials to claim it should a license for it be applied for. On Saturday, Dec. 20 a little more than 15 months after the car was taken, Mr. Sarles was notified by the Department that his car was waiting for him in Toronto. He brought it back to Stirling a week ago to-day little the worse for its thrilling experience. The officials of the Dept. of Highways are receiving much credit locally for their good work in the matter.

Fall Term Report S. S. No. 6, Rawdon

Jr. IV—Samuel Kirkey 82, Freda Sine 70, Wesley Farrell 65, James Johnston.

Sr. III—Lauretta McMullen 85, Edwin Warren 81, Percy Green 79, Jim Kirby 77, Mae Johnston 72, Ora Sine 69, Maxwell Green 60.

Jr. III—Lela Johnston 63, Catherine Kirby 51.

Sr. II—Ernest Green 86, Leland Green 67.

Jr. II—Carl Potter 78, James Johnston 73, Murney Kirkey 61.

Sr. I—Earle McMullen, Ray Sine, Helen Farrell, Dorothy McMullen.

Pr.—Laura Tucker, James Green, Ellenore Green, Hector Roy, Jack Potter.

MAE L. TOTTEN, (teacher.)

FOUR GENERATIONS PRESENT.

A unique family gathering took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCaw Jr. on Christmas day. Representatives of four generations were present to enjoy the festivities. They were: Mr. and Mrs. John McCaw Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McGee of the 2nd con. of Rawdon, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rogers of the Ridge Road and the latter's three children. Mr. and Mrs. McCaw Sr. have passed the four score mark and, although in only fair health their friends will wish them many more similar happy reunions.

Died Suddenly

Mr. John Cuttle of Madoc died suddenly at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. Hulin at 12.30 this morning. The funeral will be held in Madoc on Thursday.

Minto News

The school concert given by the children of this school on Tuesday evening was a decided success. The recitations, dialogues, choruses and other numbers were well given and showed evidence of careful training. The proceeds amounted to about \$22.50.

Miss Beatrice Hogle has returned home from her uncle's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bristol of Oshawa are spending their Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. George McMaster.

Mrs. M. Anderson, Allan's Mills, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morgan.

Miss Jennie Green, of North Bay Normal, is home for her Christmas holidays.

Miss Hazel Bird, and her mother are visiting Mr. Chas. Morgan's.

Miss Helen Green and her brother, spent Sunday with Mr. B. C. Tucker's.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McMurray's spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. George McMaster.

Mrs. Bird and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morgan visited Mr. Ed. Bateman's on Sunday.

Many Seek for Municipal Honors

Rawdon Council Given Acclamation—Elections in Frankford, Huntingdon and Sidney.

Contest for Dep. Reeve in Sidney Township

Although Reeve W. A. Reid and Councilors A. L. Burke, Wm. Rodgers Jr. and W. Vandervoort were elected by acclamation at the nominations for Sidney Council on Monday, there will be an election for Deputy Reeve. Col. R. Vanderwater and Deputy Reeve Clem Ketcheson are in the field and a merry fight is promised. Mr. Ed. Pyear who was a member of last years council was nominated for Deputy Reeve and for Councilors as well but retired. There were four nominations for Reeve namely, W. A. Reid, Fred Mallory, Clem Ketcheson and Byron Lott, but the three last named retired.

FRANKFORD ELECTIONS

Frankford will have an election for both Council and School Board. The following are in the field.

For Reeve: J. P. Finnegan and H. D. Miller.

For Council: J. B. Ford, T. H. Foster, E. O. Freeman, Chas. Morris, G. W. Potter, G. A. Simmons, C. R. Turley.

For School Trustee: (3 to be elected) A. B. Harrison, L. M. Hendrick, W. C. Morrow, H. Patrick and A. B. Whitelaw.

RAWDON COUNCIL ACCLAIMED

Reeve W. W. Dracup, Deputy Reeve George A. Bailey and Councilors, E. Brown, W. S. Stiles and John W. Johnston were returned by acclamation at the Rawdon township nomination meeting held at Springbrook on Monday.

HUNTINGDON

Reeve Jas. Haggerty is being opposed by Mr. Blue of Crookston.

Blairton News

Well Christmas 1924 has passed. Everyone tried their best to make it memorable.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McQuade had a family re-union at Christmas. Beside their near friends they had Mr. and Mrs. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Hill and families from Smiths Falls.

Gifts and remembrances showered from far and near on your humble correspondent, with many thanks to each and all for it helped to cheer and raise the gloom that has surrounded that home this last year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Remington of Hoards attended the family gathering at Mr. Herb Youmans.

Mrs. Everett and family left for their home at Chatham to spend Christmas with Mr. Everett, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren and Miss Mc-

Methodist Annual Christmas Concert

Mr. J. H. Cameron, of Toronto, Provided Most of Programme—Pleasing Number by Primary S.S. Pupils

Stirling opera house was comfortably filled on Christmas night for the annual concert provided by the Methodist Sunday School.

Mr. J. H. Cameron, of Toronto, an entertainer, well known in Stirling, provided most of the program. His several numbers were appropriately chosen and there was no suggestion of the vulgar which some professional entertainers peddle for humor.

The Primary Department of the Sunday School provided the opening chorus entitled "The Night Before Christmas, Little Misses Helen Derry, Marion Bailey, Eleda Moore, Iva Chambers, Marion Tucker, Laura Lummiss, Dorothy Moore and Verna Lummiss and Masters Kenneth Moore, Don and Masters Kenneth Moore, Don Scott, Harry Vandervoort, Leslie Chambers, Charlie Irwin and Floyd Lummiss formed the group of children, who sang and their sweet childish voices fitted the theme well. Miss Mae Currie presided at the piano.

The following girls performed, The Star Drill, in stately measured fashion: Misses Phoebe Mumby, Mary Hulin, Freda Thompson, Bessie Dickens, Doris Bailey, Ruby Richardson, Mildred Richardson, Bessie Conley and Florence Bailey.

Two of the best numbers of the evening were the piano solos rendered by Miss Grace Morrison of Toronto and Miss Irene Barker.

Gee spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Wannamaker at Trent Bridge.

Mr. Wm. McLaughlin came down from Oshawa Hydro Co. and spent Christmas with his aged mother who is an invalid.

No one hears the door that opens. When they pass beyond our call Soft as loosened leaves of roses. One by one our loved ones fall.

Leaves have their time to fall. Flowers to wither at the north winds breath. And stars to set; but thou—Thou hast all seasons for thine own O Death.

It is a sizzling hot day. In the shade of the trees outside the farm house are stretched Dad and his three sons waiting the dinner call. From the furnace like heat of the kitchen comes tired, nervous and care-worn Mother. She carries a dull, rusty axe. With feverish intent, not to delay her men men folks' dinner, she attacks the wood-pile to secure a few kindlings. Dad and the boys watch her in a detached, impersonal way.

Finally the youngest son, seized with a sentimental urge, raised himself on his elbow and remarks, "Boys" come Christmas, let's all chip in and buy Ma a new axe!"

Ask the Manager

There are many things the Manager of the Union Bank can help you with. His daily contact with business problems enables him to give you competent advice. He will gladly do it.



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Stirling Branch—W. S. Martin, Manager
Branch also at Spring Brook

Soils and Oats

Address communications to Agronomist, 74 Adelaide St. West, Toronto

WHY DO WE FEED SPROUTED OATS?

Looking at the table of analysis, we find that oats contain more cellulose or vegetable fibre than any of the other domestic grains (with the possible exception of buckwheat, which is not at all suitable for the purpose), and can therefore furnish a larger "sprout" than any of them. They are richer in mineral matters than the other grains, and lower in price.

But why not feed oats in their natural state, and thus save the trouble of sprouting them? Because in their dry state they are not especially relished by poultry and not greedily eaten. By sprouting they become more palatable and are a very desirable special feed for the following reasons:

1. They are succulent. That is, if properly prepared, sprouted oats contain fresh juices, which are very palatable and much relished. They contain these juices in a readily absorbable form, along with the other substances which they hold in solution, such as salts, etc.

With human beings at least, the relish of a palatable food greatly increases its value, as that stimulates the appetite and causes a greater flow of the gastric juices.

2. They contain diastase (or amylase, as it is now called) to a large degree and in an active condition. Diastase is the most common and best-known of the plant enzymes or ferments, and is found in all sprouting and germinating seeds. Its purpose is to cause the conversion of the insoluble starch or similar substances present in all seeds into sugars or sugar-like products.

Starch in itself cannot be absorbed by the growing cell. Thus, while ex-

tremely useful in storing up the food needed by the sprouting seed, it must be converted into soluble, absorbable sugars to be of any use to the growing plant. This conversion is brought about by diastase, which is present in practically all seeds (it has been found in active form in seeds known to be over fifty years old).

An extremely small amount of diastase will be catalysis—its mere presence—act upon and render available for absorption, many, many times its own weight of starch. As oats, as well as many other seeds, contain more diastase than they need for their own use—that is, more than is necessary to convert all of the starch contained in them—the excess is available for the purpose of converting any other starch brought in contact with it. So that, when the sprouted oats meet the other starchy grains in the alimentary canal of the birds, the diastase of the oats immediately attacks the starch of the grains and helps to make it quickly absorbable.

3. They contain vitamins. This term was first applied to the substance or substances that must be present in the diet of animals in order that the animal organism may grow and reproduce itself. Their exact nature is as yet unknown, as they have been recognized and more thoroughly studied only for about the last twelve years. This much, however, is known about them: They are most abundant in those plants or parts of plants that are in a state of active, rapid growth, such as germs, spores, leaves and sprouts and other succulent growths. So that sprouted oats contain them in considerable amounts and thus make up for the lack of these necessary components in the usual dry grain rations fed to poultry.

likely to smother the wheat. Frozen bunches of straw should be broken up or thrown back upon the wagon and hauled to the barnyard.

I consider top-dressing with straw during the winter a great protection to the wheat crop. It helps to catch the snow and furnishes a covering for the wheat. It helps also to prevent freezing and thawing in the spring. It also furnishes a mulch for the wheat during the growing season and assists in securing good clover catches.

Storing Seed Corn.

The great winter danger for seed corn is its freezing before being thoroughly dried out. Thoroughly cured and dried seed can stand a low temperature without damage. This year winter came with corn carrying far more moisture than usual. It should be more carefully protected from low temperature than usual.

Damage to corn caused by low temperature before the stored seed has fully dried out is a damage not easily apparent on examination. The injury shows up merely in failure to germinate. No matter how carefully the seed has been stored, germination tests should be applied before planting. It is not too early to make plans to this end.

When to Sow Lime.

Lime may be applied to the soil with profitable results at any time of the year.

Scientists declare that the best time to sow lime is in the fall when the seed beds are being prepared for fall-sown crops.

Lime sown then can be worked into the finely pulverized soil and brought into intimate contact with the soil particles. Thus it will exert its full effect in sweetening the soil for the spring planting.

Many farmers sow lime with small grains in the spring when clover is seeded. This also is a good time because the lime can be cheaply incorporated with the soil at the time when the soil is being worked for the crop. The good effects will probably not be so pronounced as if fall sown, but they will become better as the season progresses.



Big Game Hunters.

Mr. Filman—"At the movies they're showing a picture of a woman shooting a lion."

His Wife—"That's nothing. Don't you remember the time I killed a mouse with a broom?"

If combs freeze get more air into the henhouse. It's a sign of dampness.



Dr. J. H. Jeans of the Royal Astronomical Society, London, comes forward with the startling idea that there is life on the planets adjoining the sun in the same proximity as the earth.

THE WRECK OF THE MARY JANE

She was not a beautiful boat in any sense of the word, as viewed from the standpoint of a professional builder; but Billy Carter and Ned Dunham thought that she was as near perfection as it is possible to have a craft of her size.

She had been used for many years by the crew of the not very staunch nor fast-sailing fishing schooner, the Mary Jane, and that name was painted on the stern of the yawl.

When Captain Sproul hauled his long-used schooner on to the beach at Belfast, convinced that it would not be safe to attempt to make another voyage in her, Mary Jane the Second, as he called the small boat, was made fast alongside, and after having been exposed to the rays of the sun for the greater portion of one summer, Billy had purchased her at the low price of a dollar and twenty-five cents.

As the owner, Billy was, of course, captain, and he shipped Ned Dunham as mate in order that he might have some assistance in making repairs, for it was necessary to do very much patching before the hull would be sufficiently watertight to admit of her floating.

Neither the captain nor the mate were expert carpenters; but they contrived to do the work in a manner that was partially satisfactory to themselves, and on a certain Saturday morning Mary Jane the Second floated in rather a clumsy fashion at the head of the pier.

It was well-known among the friends of the captain and crew that they were to take a voyage of four miles to Sampson's Ledge—on this particular day, and there were very many applicants for passage; but Billy, with a cautiousness well becoming a sea captain who fully realized all of his responsibilities, replied to each of his friends in the same words.

"You see, the Mary Jane isn't as strong as some other boats, and I'd rather not take any one with me but the mate till I find out whether she'll hold together or not."

As a matter of course there was no small amount of disappointment among those who believed they were entitled to a passage by the right of friendship; but they were all at the pier to see the voyage begun, with not an angry thought toward the skipper, for they recognized the necessity of giving the aged boat at least a fair show before putting her to any severe test.

Billy and Ned were provided with a generous luncheon, and, a rigging for the Mary Jane, had an old leg-of-mutton sail, a faded ensign, two boards and two tin cans to be used as bailing dishes. The mast was stepped, the tattered flag proudly hoisted, and Ned cast off the hawser in obedience to

the captain's loud command, while those on the pier shouted themselves hoarse as the old craft, swinging lazily around into the wind, began to glide away with sufficient speed to leave a well-defined wake behind.

"She's just a humming, isn't she?" said Ned, in a tone of satisfaction, as the Mary Jane passed the town at the rate of about two miles an hour.

"The tide is helping her along some," replied the captain, modestly, as he held the tiller with a steady hand, and assumed what he believed to be a truly nautical position. "I s'pose it would have been safe enough if we had taken a lot of the boys with us; but I wanted to find out just how she'd sail before we get a crowd on board."

Then the skipper and his crew gave themselves up entirely to the pleasure of listening to the murmur of the water as it rippled against the bow of the gallant craft, and each felt that a great mistake had been made in not preparing for a long voyage.

For an hour they were quite satisfied that they could have gone to sea in the boat with perfect safety; but at the end of that time they were convinced that even four miles was too great a distance for so old a craft.

In the excitement of being afloat and gliding slowly away from friends and home, they had failed to notice that the water was making its way through the imperfectly calked seams, and it was not until their feet were wet that they realized what was surely uncomfortable, even though it might not be dangerous.

The mate set about bailing out, and for half an hour he worked in a leisurely fashion, thinking that the matter was not very serious, until Billy exclaimed in tones of alarm:

"It's coming in around the stern post as fast as you can bail it out, and it seems to me as if the leak keeps growing larger all the time."

Ned ceased his work for a few moments, and then it was that both the boys saw many places through which the water was beginning to trickle at a rate that threatened speedily to swamp the Mary Jane.

"Take in the sail and help me, or she'll sink!"

Captain Billy looked around him in alarm.

The Mary Jane was midway between the point of destination and that of departure; to gain the edge would require at least an hour of time; to return would take twice as long, since it would be necessary to make several tacks to reach the town, while to make the nearest shore was impossible owing to the fact that it would be attempting to sail in the very teeth of the wind!

"Take in the canvas!" shouted the mate, excitedly.

"Let it be!" shouted Billy. "I'll tie the tiller, and perhaps we can keep her afloat till we get to the ledge."

He was working even as he spoke, and as soon as the helm had been secured he began to help the mate, both bailing as rapidly as possible, for the water was pouring in so fast that their utmost exertions were necessary to keep it below the thwart.

There was not a sail, nor even a rowboat, anywhere within ten miles, except at the dock from which the Mary Jane had started, and shipwreck on a pleasant day within sight of home seemed inevitable.

Sixty very long minutes passed, during which time the boys had worked as they had never done before, and at the end of that time the crazy old boat was so deep in the water that both expected each instant to have her sink beneath their weight.

"Take off your jacket and shoes," said Billy, at length, as he began to set the example. "She's going to sink, sure, and we've got to swim for it."

The ledge was not more than two hundred yards away; there was hardly a ripple on the water, and fortunately the boys were fairly good swimmers.

The captain had thrown off his sweater and was attempting to remove his shoes, when he bent too quickly toward the port side, and the old boat gave up the struggle. It seemed as if she had been suddenly pulled from under her crew, so rapidly did she sink, and Billy and Ned, each with his shoes on, were floundering in the bay.

Under ordinary circumstances they



Miss Betty Haylett, the twelve-year-old mayoress, has just returned to school in Leicester after undergoing her civic duties in London, where her father is the mayor of Richmond. She is the youngest mayoress in England.

Home Education

"The Child's First School is the Family"—Frederick.

How One Mother Interests Her Child in Personal Cleanliness—By Helen Gregg Green.

"Jessica, dear, Gloria's hair needs a shampoo. It's dead looking! She's not half so pretty when she isn't clean." And Jessica's mother suggested a good brushing to take the tangles from the doll's golden tresses, and some castile soap for the shampoo.

"I believe she needs a clean dress and stockings, too," Jessica called back over her plump little shoulder. "And perhaps a bath."

I guess I must have had a slightly quizzical look, for Mother explained, "You see, Jessica for some reason, always hated being cleaned up. I remember one day when I was bathing water was only to drink! Of course, the daily baths, and the shampoos were real trials. She didn't want to be clean. Finally, I decided to try out an idea I had hit upon, after a particularly hectic scene, when I had given her brown curls a much-needed shampoo."

There was a telephone call, and after that we talked of other things until Jessica returned with a shining Gloria.

"See, Mother," she cried, "doesn't my doll look fine! I gave her a bath, and shampooed her hair, and cleaned and polished her nails, and brushed her teeth, and changed her clothes. And now I'm going to polish her shoes

and wash out her dress and underwear." After Jessica scurried away, her mother smiled.

"See how interested she is in keeping Gloria clean and dainty-looking!" she said. "Well," because of this interest, she has become just as interested in herself. "I wouldn't want Gloria to be ashamed of her mother," she declares. "I found a washable doll, and made her some sturdy washable dresses and underwear. I knitted little socks, and bought a tiny pair of tan shoes, and some shoe polish. I got a baby's tooth brush, some tooth paste, a shampoo that makes an enticing lather, an orange stick and some nail polish. You can buy small sample cases very cheap. My child was delighted, but not half so much as I, for the problem of keeping Jessica neat and clean was solved."

"Oh, of course," she continued, "I want her to have all the fun she can in the sand pile, and there are times when I don't care how dirty she gets, but now she's anxious to be clean again, while before—well, it really was a struggle."

Now wasn't the doll idea a clever one? If the wee ones happen to have an aversion to soap and water this way is certainly much easier and more pleasant than scolding and nagging.

would not have thought it much of a feat to swim that distance; but, encumbered as they were with a portion of their clothing, it was all they could do to reach the ledge.

The Mary Jane had sunk in nine feet of water, but "the flag was still there," as could be seen when the boys were on the rocks, the tattered ensign showing sufficiently above the surface to mark the spot where the old craft had gone down.

The fact that they were shipwrecked mariners on a rock so far in mid-ocean that they were a mile from land did not trouble them at first, but soon all that was disagreeable in the situation began to be felt. As the hours went by they grew hungry, but their provisions were at the bottom of the bay. The sun shone uncomfortably hot, but they had no shelter. They had expected that a vessel or a boat would soon come along to take them off, but no craft of any kind hove in sight, and now the tide was rising rapidly.

At high water they knew the ledge would be covered to the depth of six inches or more, and the thought that they might be obliged to remain there all night, with the possibility of being washed away and drowned was decidedly disagreeable.

On the right or island side of the ledge the shore was hardly more than a mile away, but the point of land which projected toward the rocks was covered with trees, and no signs of life could be seen.

They alternately shouted, watched for a sail, bewailed their sad fate and wished for something to eat until sunset, when the tide was fully up, and they were obliged to stand as best they could on the rocks in six or eight inches of water.

During the whole of that long, terrible night they wandered from rock to rock, fully convinced that they should starve to death, and the rising of the sun brought them but little cheer, for, the tide having risen again, they were partially submerged.

It was not until the middle of the forenoon that they saw anything that even promised assistance, and then the glad sight of a farmer on the shore with an ox team caused both the shipwrecked ones to shout for joy.

The farmer answered them, but it was impossible to hear what he said, and they made every signal which could mean distress, until, to their great surprise, the man drove his team into the water, coming directly toward them.

"He must intend to come as far as he can, and then have us swim out to him," said Captain Billy, as he began to remove his clothing.

But such was hardly the farmer's intention. The tide had been ebbing for three hours, and to the unspeakable astonishment of Billy and Ned, the man drove directly toward them until he arrived at the ledge, the water in no one place from the point to the rocks being more than two feet deep.

It was with no little shame that they realized that they had remained all night on Sampson's Ledge, when they could easily have waded ashore and walked along the beach until they arrived home.

"What's the matter?" the farmer asked in surprise. "Why didn't you come ashore? Aren't you hurt, are you?" "No," said Captain Billy hesitatingly. "We're all right; but we wanted to see if you couldn't help us get our boat out. It's sunk, just where the flag is sticking up."

"I can do it easy enough, if one of you will swim out and tie this rope to the painter. Then the cattle will soon yank it ashore."

To do this, now the boys understood that they were not, and never had been, in any danger, was but a slight task; and the Mary Jane was not only dragged ashore, but carried on the ox cart back to Belfast, where she may yet be seen on the beach by the side

of Capt. Sproul's schooner, a perfect wreck.

She never made another cruise, and it is safe to say that her decaying timbers will serve for many a year to remind Billy and Ned never to give themselves up wholly to fear until after they have learned exactly the extent of the supposed danger that may menace them.

HOGS

Prevention of Rickets in Swine—Shall it be sunshine, cod liver oil, limestone, bone meal, rock phosphate or limestone plus sodium phosphate?

Investigations have shown that there is no difference in the effect of the type of calcium carrier when there was an abundant supply of antirachitic vitamin present in the feed. If a grain and skim milk ration is supplied to the growing pigs it is not at all likely that the vitamin is not present in sufficient amount. Where no milk or green feed can be given, a small allowance of cod liver oil (2 ounces per week per pig) is sufficient to protect against rickets. Sunshine, well saved alfalfa leaves, skim milk, pulped roots, and grain are a combination in nutrition not easily disrupted by rickets.

The following mineral mixture is used in the swine feeding at the Ontario Agricultural College. It is giving good satisfaction: 4 bushels charcoal or hardwood ashes, 8 pounds salt, 2 quarts air slaked lime, 1 pound sulphur, 10 pounds of bone meal.

This preparation is kept in a suitable box in each pen where it may be taken by the swine at will.

After Christmas.

As I glance round my happy home In this post-Yuletide season, I'm like a person in a dream, And not without some reason. A corner of the living room, With graining herds is dotted, And in my favorite cozy chair I see a leopard spotted.

Upon the couch a gay red cow Has taken up its quarters, And from beneath the table peep All Noah's sons and daughters. Out in the hall I know I saw A boar of aspect horrid, And my bedroom's the habitat Of beasts from climates torrid.

A horse is on my writing desk, A deer upon the table, And in my sewing-basket lurks A cat with coat of sable. O little son, with eyes of blue, Don't let that lion roar Or I shall think my dream is true That I am Mrs. Noah!



Tried to Play on Her Feelings. "Why did you leave the room? Wouldn't your musical friend play on the piano for you?" "No—tried to play on my feelings instead."

It is profitable to keep hens comfortable. Keep the coop free from draft, still well ventilated and dry. The coldest coop is the tightly closed, ill-ventilated one.

It is a shame to bank up house manure. Makes me ashamed of man who does it. There are no better ways of making the cellar warm. Point the stones up with mortar. Lay the wall over if need be; if hard pressed, rather use forest leaves, or haul sawdust, but don't use play's sake, use manure. It is not healthy, and how it does look and smell!

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BORROWED THOUGHTS

The difference between art and trade is plain. Art strives for excellence and trade for gain.—Youth's Companion.

RING OUT WILD BELLS

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the
snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out false pride in place and
blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and
right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Tennyson.

THE COST OF EDUCATION

Mr. J. S. Morton's statement at the nomination meeting that money spent on education is one of the wisest expenditures that any community can make, scarcely requires qualification.

To be sure the early advocates of free schools and endowed colleges probably did not realize where the application of the principle they were advocating would lead. The responsibility and the privilege of bringing education within the reach of the greatest possible number demands serious economic sacrifices for the community and the provinces. But all human progress, whether social or individual, is based on sacrifice and it requires no wild flight of imagination to realize that every dollar prudently spent on the education of the young will be returned many fold as the years go by.

EDITORIAL NOTES

For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Lindsay Meiklejohn has been a member of the village Council. He was Reeve for two years and gave his best in unselfish public service. His decision to retire this year leaves a gap in the Council which it will be difficult to fill.

Have you made a brand new set of New Year's resolutions, or simply polished up those of last year, or the year before.

A CORRECTION

In the letter of condolence published in our last issue for L. O. L. No. 509 the name of the member, Brother George McMaster to whom the letter was sent was inadvertently omitted.

WEST HUNTINGDON

District News and Views Conducted by
ARTHUR WILSON

CHRISTMAS DOINGS

The Christmas tree and concert of the Methodist Sunday School was a huge success. While we cannot boast of our great manufacturing establishments, (although we have some small ones in this town), we can boast of having as clever a bunch of boys and girls as can be found anywhere. We wish Mr. Editor you could have been privileged to attend and have seen for yourself the efficient way those young folk four years to twenty-five years old gave their dialogues, recitations, pantomimes, choruses and drills. You would have wished that you had lived in West Huntingdon instead of Stirling. However, another year if the people in Stirling need any extra entertainers they need not send to some far away city for them. Just let us know and we will supply them, we were unfortunate in selecting our date as there were several other entertainments near us that evening, but we were not disappointed as the church was filled, and the proceeds amounted to over forty dollars.

The school children also held a concert of their own on Friday afternoon, Dec. 19th. They had a Santa Claus and a Christmas tree, each pupil receiving a gift from their teacher. There were also candies, nuts and oranges in abundance. The teacher, Miss Kerr, was presented with an ivory clock from the pupils.

The St. Andrew's Sunday School held their Christmas entertainment at Town Hall, Ivanhoe. Proceeds \$47. A number of our people were out of town for holidays and we entertained some from other parts.

CURRENT EVENTS

Santa Claus stopped at our station on Christmas morning and left a fine baby boy for Mr. and Mrs. Everett McCann.

While coming to the Christmas concert on Monday evening, Mr. Harry Kilpatrick and Mr. Nelson Seales of Foxboro were hit by an auto. The cutter which they were riding in was smashed to pieces but fortunately no one was hurt seriously. This ought to be a warning to auto drivers that our front street is quite slippery, and that fast driving is prohibited.

Wedding bells are ringing quite loudly down the fourth line. Shooting matches seem to be becoming more popular. There have been several in this vicinity. Some are debating whether or not they are the best thing after all.

A large number of our rate payers were at the nomination at Town Hall, Ivanhoe, on Monday afternoon. Huntingdon is to have an election this year.

PERSONALS

Mr. F. Wilson, the Misses Tena and Evelyn Wilson spent Christmas holidays at Oshawa.

Miss Jean Fargey of Belleville was home for a few days at Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. Lane visited their parents at Oakville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bray attended the funeral of Mr. William Noyes at White Lake on Monday.

Miss Sarah Wilson of Hastings was down for a few days at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McGowan and family spent Christmas Day at Mar-mora.

Mr. Fred Fargey of Toronto spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fargey.

Miss Annie Sills of Niagara is spending a few days with her mother.

A RETROSPECT

What an ideal Christmas this has been! Aside from a few colds there has been no sickness at all in our town. Then think of the weather, although

Sparks from a Preacher's Anvil

A Series of Sermonettes by Rev. Robt. Simpson
VI.

"A man that has friends must show himself friendly." Proverbs 18:24.

I

This is the season of Friendliness. Some of us can count our friends by the scores. As friendship's greetings pour in upon us how rich we feel. Yes, rich. Take my health, take my wealth, but leave me my friends. To be rich in friends is to be rich indeed. How many rare and precious things are bound up in this word—Friendship, companionship, affection, cordiality, esteem, respect and love. Greater far are these in value than all the wealth of forest or mine, of broad acres or of the deep sea.

II

But some are poor in friendships. But why so? Our text gives answer. It rests with ourselves whether we are rich in friendships or otherwise. Friendship does not spring up like a gourd. It is a slow grower. There is no friendship at first sight. Some egotists keep themselves in misery wondering why they have no friends. Friendship is based on mutual respect and esteem. If you want your merit to be known you must acknowledge the merits of others. As a great hearted Scot—John Stuart Blackie—once said, "Love as many persons and creatures as you possibly can. Love is the only power by which you can make yourself rich in a moral world." And Dickens' words come to mind: "And mark me well Copperfield, true happiness can come to you only in proportion to the efforts you put forth to bring happiness to others."

III

If we would have a Happy New Year we must make it by making

friends. For friends assuredly bring happiness. But friends will not be lieve in us if we constantly remind them of their little faults, and taunt and rail upon them. We may make the best of one another or we may make the worst. The golden key to the golden treasury of friendship is generous Christian charity. You will be amazed how many amiable people you will discover if you only believe in them.

Don't look for flaws as you go thro' life. And even when you find them. It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind.

And look for the virtue behind them.

Friends are drawn to you, they do not throw themselves at you. Friends are made by friendliness. Brighten dark lives, soften hard roads, wipe away tears, cover faults and follies with flowers of love and see if by next New Year your friendship list will not be legion.

IV

I want to make Edgar A. Guest's words my own in wishing my friends A Happy New Year:

"I'd like to be the sort of a friend that you have been to me,
I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be,
I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day

As you have meant old friend of mine, to me along the way.

I'm wishing at this New Year time that I could but repay
A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way.

And could I have one wish this year this only would it be
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.

a little chilly now and then, on Christmas Day how brightly the sun shone, and how one could travel, by sleigh or auto. Surely we ought to be thankful for these many blessings. But are we? We think that sometimes we are not—that we are not much better than our ancestors were nearly two thousand years ago. We read in the Good Book that there was no room for the Christ Child in the inn that He had to be born in a stable. Is there any room for Him in these lives of ours at Christmas time or are we too busy with just being entertained, buying and receiving of gifts and feasting. How many of our churches had service on Christmas? Would some one please tell us?

We wish the editor and all who read the West Huntingdon news, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

will help to point the way.

It has been found that Jewelry stores ordinarily spent from 2 1/2 to 4 cents per dollar of sales, depending upon the size of the store, while shoe stores get along with an expenditure ranging from 1 1/2 to nearly 4 cents, and again the largest stores spend the most. Specialty stores spend about 3 1/2 cents of each dollar taken in, and the department stores spend a somewhat similar amount. Grocery and hardware stores ordinarily spend somewhat over half of one per cent, of sales.

While amounts may vary in individual cases, the publication reports one general conclusion—that all the "go getters" rate advertising expense as an essential part of the overhead, same as rent, heat, light and wages.

MUNICIPAL VOTING

(Camleton Place Canadian)

We believe the town of Almonte has created a record in the municipal election contest held there a week ago in the getting out of the vote. Ninety-five per cent. of the possible vote and ninety-eight per cent. of the available vote was polled. As a rule only about fifty to sixty per cent. of the vote is polled in any election contest so little interest do many rate-payers take in election contests. In every election it should not be said of any ratepayer that he or she thought so little of their franchise as to not think it worth while to vote. If a township, a village, a town, city or country is good enough to live in it is the duty of every citizen to take an interest in the election of the representatives who transact the business.

Buy your Butter Wraps at the News-Argus office

WHAT OTHERS SAY

HOW MUCH FOR PUBLICITY

(Barrie Examiner)

The question of how much a retail business should expend upon advertising is primarily answered by the statement that advertising as well as other expenses must pay returns for the money spent. Their are perhaps no two stores which require exactly the same amount. As in other things, peculiar conditions govern particular cases.

The amount spent by other stores handling similar merchandise, however, offers some guide to a proper advertising expenditure, and statistics collected by one of the leading technical publications of the United States

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Local and Personal

We hope our readers will consider this column their very own. We always appreciate receiving items of local interest by telephone (59) post card or by a friendly call at the office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Simmonds and children spent Christmas in Peterboro.

Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Sine spent Christmas in Peterboro.

Mr. Ray Montgomery of Detroit is spending the holidays at his home here.

Mr. D. W. Mosher of Bengough, Sask. is visiting friends in the Stirling district for a few weeks.

Hockey Match! Bankers vs. Wildcats, Tuesday, January 6th, Stirling rink. Admission 10 cts. 17 (a)

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thrasher of Oshawa spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thrasher.

Misses Chrissie and Katherine Simpson from Brooklin are spending the vacation with friends in town.

Miss Wava Wallace of Bancroft is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace.

Master Reginald Scott of Foxboro is spending the holidays with his cousin, Donald Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb of Sedley, Sask. is visiting his father, Mr. J. Webb and his brother-in-law, Mr. Henry Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thrasher and Edna spent Christmas at Mt. Pleasant with Mrs. Thrasher's mother, Mrs. Summers.

The Cheese Box factory is closed this week for repairs, but will commence operations again next week. The plant will likely close for a few weeks later on.

Mr. C. W. Caskey of McMaster University, Toronto and J. G. Caskey and Master Kenneth of Madoc were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reid.

Mrs. William Wallace and Miss Wava spent the Christmas holidays with the former's daughter, Mrs. Ernest Lott at Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Montgomery and Dorothy of Campbellford, Mr. Ray Montgomery of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bush and baby Keitha spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Montgomery.

The Bowling Club dance last evening was the usual pleasant affair. The number present was not too large to crowd the floor and everyone enjoyed themselves. A nice sum was realized for the Club funds.

The famous movie—The Covered Wagon, will be presented in the Empire Theatre by St. John's Church, Jan. 13th. A real treat. Read the adv. of next issue. Reserved seats at Elliott's. 17 (a)

Miss Marion Halliwell of the Ontario Civil Service and Miss Kathleen Halliwell nurse-in-training at the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, spent Christmas with their mother. Miss Kathleen returned to Toronto on Christmas night and Miss Marion remained until Monday.

Mr. Arthur Girdwood B.A., Principal of Barrie Collegiate Institute and his little son, are spending their va-

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cation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Girdwood, Church St.

Mr. George Whitty has sold his house near the Anglican church to Mr. Wm. West, who will take possession in a day or two. Mr. Whitty has renovated the house on Front St. vacated by Mr. S. Hutton in the summer and moved in the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hay and Miss Dorothy Green of Campbellford and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jackman and Master Gerald of Wellmans spent a few days last week with Mrs. Jackman's and Mrs. Hay's mother, Mrs. Richard Bailey.

LOOKING BACKWARD

FROM NEWS-ARGUS DEC. 21ST, 1899.

Mr. Jas. A. Wescott has contracted for the erection of a windmill for the pumping of water for use in watering the streets. The windmill will be put up early in the Spring.

We regret to have to record the death of Mrs. Thos. A. Milne, which took place on Tuesday last after an illness of several weeks. She had been a resident of this village during her whole life and previous to her marriage was for many years a teacher in the Public School.

The Methodist Church at Bethel will be re-opened on Sabbath, Jan. 17th, 1900. Rev. T. M. Campbell will preach.

HOCKEY PICTORIAL

The second edition of the Hockey Pictorial is on the market, more complete and up-to-date than the original edition, which was received with such acclaim by followers of the great winter sport. Most favorable comments have been passed upon the publication by sport writers the continent over, and the general opinion as expressed by players and scribes is that no more comprehensive or handsome book in the sporting line was ever printed. A feature that should possess a marked appeal not only to puck-chasers of the present, but to old timers, are the many group pictures of champion teams, dating back to the early history of hockey. The new edition not only contains the history of hockey in Canada, but covers the history of the game in the United States also, with 300 handsome engravings of Canadian and American teams, and is right up to the minute in every respect. Any further information pertaining to the book can be obtained by writing to Hockey Pictorial, 84 Victoria St., Toronto Ont.

COMMUNITY IDEAS

(Walkerton Telescope)
It is a great mistake to rely solely on the editor to make all the suggestions for community betterment, as so often seems to be the case. We, the editors do not claim to monopolize the brains nor the ideas of the community. The citizen who has an idea to bring before the people has an opportunity to get publicity for his thought and start it going by writing a letter to the editor. The Telescope is always glad to get pertinent letters on subjects of town interest for publication. Whether we agree with the ideas expressed by the writer is a matter that does not concern us. We only ask that whatever criticism is offered be constructive. It is not our policy to encourage mere knockers.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED JULY EASTWOOD, late of the Township of Rawdon in the County of Hastings, Farmer, Deceased.
PERSONS having claims against the estate of Alfred Eastwood, late of the Township of Rawdon in the County of Hastings, Farmer, Deceased, are required to send in their claims, with vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, before the 31st day of January, A.D. 1900, after which date the same will be distributed to the parties entitled thereto.
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Sunday Services

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 1903
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m.—"Small Enemies of Usefulness."
7 p.m.—"Bread Scarcity."
MONDAY, 8 p.m.—Epworth League
CARMEL, SUNDAY, JAN. 4TH
Service—2.30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church
MINISTER—REV. ROBT. SIMPSON
SUNDAY, JANUARY, 4TH
10 a.m.—Sabbath School
Service at Stirling at 3 p.m. conducted by Rev. D. C. Ramsay M.A.
Service at West Huntingdon conducted by Rev. A. S. Kerr.

Rawdon Circuit Notes
REV. FRED G. JOBLIN, Pastor.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 1903.
Bethel—10.30 a.m.
Wellmans—2.30 p.m.
Mt. Pleasant—7.00 p.m.
Bethel Teacher Training Class at Mr. Roy Wellbourne's, Monday evening.
League meetings: Wellmans, Tuesday evening; Bethel, Thursday evening; Mt. Pleasant, Friday evening. Subject, "Good Resolutions."

Here and There

A recent survey of prospective expansion among the mines of Northern Ontario shows that many millions of dollars will be spent on mills and mill supplies in 1925. According to this survey, mill expenditures totalling \$7,358,000 are contemplated.

Hunters patronizing territories in the Algoma district of the Canadian Pacific Railway had a very successful season in 1924, according to a report recently issued. Moose numbering 173, deer numbering 2,183 and approximately 7,050 partridge were secured and the number of hunters ran into several thousands. The figures quoted include those for Kipawa, Temiskaming, Mattawa, Sturgeon Falls, Pakeney, Sawt. Ste. Marie, Chapleau, Sudbury, Schreiber and Nipigon, all exceptionally good game areas.

More Christmas trees were shipped from Nova Scotia for the 1924 festive season than ever before, according to figures just compiled. Twenty-two car-loads from territory bordering the Dominion Atlantic Railway alone were shipped to outside points and approximately 150 car-loads left the province generally.

A splendid season of winter sports is expected at Quebec this year, as more and more people are becoming interested in these healthy recreations in Canada and the United States. In connection with the activities of the Chateau Frontenac, the Canadian Pacific's great hotel in the Ancient Capital, a number of new features will add to the attractions Quebec has to offer. These include inter-club, inter-collegiate and international competitions in all winter sports, to be held under the auspices of the recently formed Frontenac Winter Sports Club, which will award the successful participants with trophies of various kinds and attractive gold, silver and bronze medals.

The names of the winners of the David prizes for literature, awarded to the writers of the best French and English books entered in the competition for these prizes, have just been announced by the committee of judges. In the French section the first prize, \$1,500, went to Abbe Camille Roy for his book "A l'Honneur des Erables," while in the English section Marjorie Grant Cook won first prize with her book "Another Way of Love."

The most successful year enjoyed by the Canadian Pacific Great Lakes Steamship Service in freight shipments since 1913 is reported by Mr. Duff, manager of that service.

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for the season lately closed, and whole fleet of package freighters for the first time since the outbreak of the Great War, has been constantly employed during the seven months in which the lakes are open. A feature was the very large increase in the export flour business, some 75 per cent of the 300,000 tons of flour carried eastward by the service having been destined for export. October was a particularly good month, the ships having transported in that month 58,000 tons of eastward bound milled stuffs and grain alone.

SMALL TOWNS AND BIG MEN

(Norwood Register)
The Stirling News-Argus contained two items in its news columns last week which substantiate the assertion that many of our leading men in the big cities of to-day came from the small towns and villages. The News-Argus congratulates Dr. H. J. McKeljohn of Winnipeg, a former Stirlingite on his appointment as vice-president and managing director of the Sovereign Life Assurance Co. In another column it expresses the sympathy of Stirling friends to another former resident, Sir Gilbert Parker, who was recently injured in an auto accident. Years ago Sir Gilbert was a clerk in Morton's drug store at Stirling. No one then thought he would become the future world-famous novelist. He has been a resident of London, England, now for many years and a member of the British Parliament.
Often the small town is held up to ridicule by some thoughtless persons who do not realize that in the rural sections and the country towns the best stamina of the nation's life is produced against adversity and disadvantages. No one need be ashamed of the fact that they live or come from rural centre. Some of the boys in our small towns to-day will be the nation's leaders to-morrow.

Municipal Election

(Continued from Page 1)
School Board and declared that the Chairman of the Board should be at all nomination meetings to speak for that body. Chairman Elliott was not present and Trustee J. S. Morton made a statement showing that the cost of schools was largely dependent on Departmental regulations. He asserted however, that money spent on education was among the wisest expenditures made by any community.

OTHER CANDIDATES

Mr. Chas. Vanallen, candidate for reeve outlined his former experience in the Council and stated that he would remain in the field.
Mr. Thos. Cranston declared "If there is an election I'll stand with the rest of them."
Messrs. J. Cranston, A. Kirke, R. Christie and D. Burkit, nominees for Council were not present. Mr. W. Harlow spoke briefly, criticising the financial statement as lacking in detail. He stated that he would not be a candidate.

Reeve McGuire replied to Mr. Harlow briefly and then spent a few minutes on County finances. He stated that the County budget is some \$500,000 much of which was made necessary by provincial laws. The County has some 500 miles of County roads, but he thought a number of these would revert to the municipalities another year. The debt of the County is \$300,000 but this had not been added to during the past four years. Then

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Passenger...9.50 p.m. Passenger 9.50 p.m.
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C. N. R.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:
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Passenger...6.25 p.m. Mail & Ex 2.03 p.m.

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About the House

HOMEMADE CANDY.

Homemade candies, daintily packed, are most welcome gifts and have a personal quality lacking in the things you buy.

HICKORY NUT CARAMELS.

Place three-fourths of a cupful of thin cream, three tbsps. of butter, one cup of sugar and one cup of molasses in a saucepan. Bring the mixture to the boiling point and add three squares of unsweetened chocolate. Stir it carefully until the chocolate has melted and continue to let the mixture boil until the syrup forms a firm ball when dropped into cold water. Remove it from the fire and add one-half tsp. of vanilla and one cup of chopped hickory nuts. Turn the mixture into an oiled pan. When it is cold, cut it into squares and wrap each square in waxed paper.

FROSTED FIG FUDGE.

Make a chocolate fudge and pour it into a pan to the depth of one inch. Cover it thickly with coarse chopped dried figs. Boil one cupful of sugar and one-fourth of a cup of water until the syrup will spin a thread and then pour it over the white of one egg beaten stiff. Add one tsp. of vanilla and continue to beat it until it is stiff. Pour it over the layers of fudge and figs and cut it into squares when it is cold.

ALMOND SEA FOAM.

Boil three cups of light-brown sugar, one cup of water and one tsp. of vinegar together without stirring it until the syrup spins a thread when dropped from the spoon. Remove it from the fire and pour the boiling syrup over the whites of two eggs beaten stiff. Beat the mixture until it is firm enough to hold its shape, then add one-half tsp. of almond extract and one heaping cup of almonds that have been blanched and broken. Drop it quickly from a teaspoon on sheets of waxed paper.

BUTTERNUT FUDGE.

Boil one cup of maple syrup (or one cup of honey), one cup of sugar, one-half cup of rich milk and one-half cup of water until the syrup forms a ball when dropped into cold water. Cool it slightly; then beat it until it is creamy. Add two-thirds of a cup of broken butternut meats and turn the candy into an oiled pan and cut it into square pieces.

BRAZILIAN FLUFF.

Cover the bottom of an oiled candy pan with marshmallows in which slits have been cut. Slip a Brazil nut into each slit and force the edges together. Pour a rich chocolate fudge over the marshmallows and when it is cold cut the candy into squares.

SUPREME NUT CANDY.

Put one and one-half cups of molasses and three-fourths of a cup of sugar into a saucepan; boil it until the syrup forms a hard ball when tested in cold water. Add three-fourths of a cup of butter and continue boiling the syrup until the "cracking point" is reached; then remove it from the fire at once. Beat in a pinch of baking soda and add one-half pound of fine chopped figs and dates, or figs and dates in equal proportion, one cup each of coarse chopped pecan, filbert and walnut meats and one-half cup of blanched, shredded almonds. Pour the mixture into an oiled pan and keep it in a cool place overnight. If you wish, add a tsp. each of almond and vanilla extract just before pouring the candy into the pan.

COLOR IN THE HOME.

We do not use enough color in our homes. Many sitting rooms, dining room and kitchens though they are furnished in perfect taste as far as they go, lack a certain gaiety and sparkle that a splash of color in the right place gives. I realized this when I visited a model home in the city a short time back. I talked to one of the young ladies in charge about this and she gave me some very valuable pointers.

"There never has been a time," she said, fluffing up a flame-colored sofa pillow with long black tassels, that had been placed in a dull tapestry-covered wing chair in a rather dark corner, "when cushions have been so popular or when they have been so lovely. That does not mean, though, that they should be piled, hit or miss, on davenport or in cozy corners.

"They must be chosen very carefully to give just the necessary bit of color needed in the room, and very often they are black. Nothing is more

decorative or more comfortable than huge soft pillows in all shapes, made from heavy black satin and finished with gold tassels.

"With these use one or two in a color that will fit into the scheme. It has been demonstrated again and again that when a note of black is introduced into a room everything else in it seems to have gained in importance, and this touch of black is so easily obtained in cushions."

I thought that was most interesting, and I asked her all manner of questions about interior decorating. I asked her what else one could use to brighten up a dull room.

Of course there were lamps. If a corner is dark it seems that nothing brightens it up better than a brilliant lamp shade. The Chinese ones that she showed me were lovely on the lacquered lamps; the parchment shades were done in any color and style; but the ones that interested me most were the bright, gay plaited ones made from wall paper or glazed chintz.

Then it seems that candlesticks are made in every color of the rainbow these days, and there are candles to match any one of them.

In looking about I saw scrap baskets, desk sets, ash trays, painted boxes, flower bowls—all in gorgeous colorings.

Pictures are framed, too, so they furnish a note of color in a room. I had always thought of picture frames as either gilt or some dark wood. Not so: They are vivid scarlet, soft green, black with a line of red, orange and black.

A NEW DOLL SET.



4196. The little doll may not only make dolly's clothes but also the doll, from the models supplied herewith. The body may be of drill, unbleached muslin, oil cloth or sanitas, with a stuffing of bran, kopak, or cotton. Eyes of shoe buttons, nose and lips of yarn, or the features may be embroidered or painted.

Dressed as a clown this doll will be very attractive. The suit may be of calico, cretonne or scraps of silk or satin. One or two colors of materials may be used. For the Rompers—cretonne or gingham is pleasing. Dolly will be so glad of the dear little pockets in her rompers, and "Pierrot" the clown will do all sorts of tricks in his comfortable costume, if his arms and legs are fastened so as to be movable.

The Pattern comprising the Doll and the garments, is cut in 3 Sizes: Small, 12 inches; Medium, 16 inches; Large, 20 inches in length. The Doll requires for a Medium size 1/4 yard. The Rompers 3/4 yard. The Suit and Hat, 1 1/4 yard of 27-inch material.

Pattern mailed to any address on receipt of 15c in silver, by the Wilson Publishing Co., 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto.

A FAREWELL PARTY.

What kind of party can we give for a neighbor who is moving to an eastern province?—Hostess.

A Parcel-Post Party could be made interesting. In your invitations, say that parcel-post mail for the East will be collected at a certain hour, day and place. Ask the guests to bring packages in person, the packages to be properly wrapped, tied and addressed. These packages could contain joke gifts for the guest of honor, but one of the gifts might be a small address book in which each member of the club should write her name and post-office address. The guests could play games and, just before refreshments are served, the packages could be delivered to the person you wish to honor, who could then open them.

To next guests at the refreshment table, use picture post-cards for place-cards; or you could pack the re-



TRY THIS ONE ON YOUR PIANO

One of the daily dozen, or handball on skis on the Dufferin Terrace, Quebec. The new ski jump, erected by the Frontenac Winter Sports Club, has proved a great attraction to amateur skiers from all over the continent, and international and intercollegiate jumping competitions have been arranged to take place in the near future.

freshments in boxes of uniform size, wrap and address as for parcel post and stamp with used postage stamps. Have some one carry the boxes to the front door, then knock or ring, and the hostess could answer and bring in the boxes, announcing that a package for each guest had just come by parcel post.

Ask guests to adjourn to the dining-room, where coffee should be served, with fruit gelatine or ice cream for the last course. The dining table could be decorated with a centre-piece made of crepe paper, to represent a mail-bag. In this bag, you could have letters addressed to the various guests, each "letter" to contain a suggestion as to a stunt she is to perform. These suggestions could also be used for a shower.

Angels.

I too have looked on angels, The angels of the Lord, And entertained them unawares, Worn men and women bowed with cares, Pilgrims whose patient eyes were prayers, Binding rebellious Israel With love's tenacious cord.

All quietly God's angels Go lifting hearts that fall, Slipping our prison doors ajar, Shining more softly than a star Where glooms have been the shadows are, Guileless as Nathaniel, Undaunted as Paul.

Oh, I have looked on angels, The angels of the Lord, With none believing their report, Of the Phillistines made a sport, Rejected, yet the temple court Of God's own grace, immanent, His worship their reward.

—Katherine Lee Bates in Youth's Companion.

Egyptian priests were highly learned men, entrusted with keeping written records.

Minard's for Sprains and Bruises.

White Hands of Winter.

White hands of winter Fragile as snow, Down through the meadows Eerily go.

Tucking the roses Warmly to sleep, Teaching the rivers Mutely to creep.

Under their wrappings Of crystal and glass, White hands of winter Silently pass.

Hushing the riot Of fall with their breath; White hands of winter Beautyify death.

—Irma Grace Blackburn.



Handicapped.

"How's Dick tackling this year, Mabel?" "I really don't know, mother sits around all evening."

No More Nightmares.

Nightmares and unpleasant dreams can be banished, if an American doctor's theory is true. He claims to have cured a woman patient of terrifying dreams, giving her instead bright and happy ones.

Always strain a dye through muslin before adding it to the water.



Gwendolyn La Gallienne, wife of the famous violinist, Andre Polak, daughter of the celebrated poet, Richard La Gallienne, and sister of the prominent actress, Eva La Gallienne, is seeking fame in her own right as a sculptress. She is shown in her Paris studio.

Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER IV.—(Cont'd.)

Something swam before Peter Garvock's eyes—something red and awful, which could have but one name!

On these lands, by that very march dyke, there had, in old days, been strife between Stair and The Lees; and where strife had been there may be strife again! The old blood feud between Stair and The Lees was like to have a fresh chapter added to its bitter story.

Alan Rankine, not recognizing his cousin for a few minutes, came striding on, but not blithely, for his own thoughts were too complicated and too overwhelming, but certainly without the slightest expectation of meeting his cousin at such an hour, in such a place. He was thinking of him, naturally picturing him at the Clock House with Carlotta, trying, perhaps, to imagine what would be transpiring there. But a few steps further, which brought him near enough both to recognize the figure and to behold the expression on his cousin's face, left him in no doubt.

The thing had happened! Carlotta had spoken, and the reckoning was in front. Rankine took himself in grip, for the moment was one to try the mettle of a man, and he was fully alive and sensitive to the partial dishonor of which he had been guilty.

Seeing Carlotta, he had been lifted, as it were, on the crest of some tremendous wave, which had hurled him whither it would! But there could be no happiness in Alan Rankine's heart, for he was an honorable man, and he had decided already that life would have been better without this.

As Stair approached, Peter Garvock, of a set purpose, seemed to retreat until he reached the gate in the march dyke again, against which he planted his back and folded his arms.

His face was not good to see. It was deadly pale, and his eyes glowed with an unholy fire. "The Garvock temper was well known in Ayrshire, and some of the old legends of the countryside were based on the ravages it had made.

Stair, alternately reddening and paling, advanced, and presently stood in front of his cousin, a few paces back.

"Well?" he said, in a short, strange voice. "I expect you are seeking me, Peter?"

"I was on my way to Stair," said Peter thickly. "Perhaps it is better that we have it out here. What have you to say for yourself—you hound and cur!—to come sneaking back here and stick your damned nose in my affairs and steal my promised wife?"

"I have nothing to say for myself," answered Alan Rankine quietly, though his color rose with the heat and passion of his cousin's words. "I don't know what Miss Carylon may have told you. There has been no treachery in the ordinary sense. We met only once, that day you took me to her, and again, this morning. Neither of these meetings was of our seeking—though they had to be. But I would give twenty years of my life, Peter, that this had not happened."

The contempt on Peter Garvock's face equalled his rage.

"Spare your mealy-mouthed apologies and explanations! They don't fit the case. You have been guilty of the lowest, meanest action one man can do to another. You have cast some sort of damned spell over the woman as you have cast it over others. I could name. And all your high-sounding, fine words won't wipe out your black treachery. But, if I can't marry Carlotta Carylon, Stair, you never will! I'll make it impossible for you—do you hear?—impossible!"

He spoke the last word in a kind of hiss, and started forward as if he would be at his cousin's throat.

An ineffable sadness crept over Rankine's face.

"Listen, Peter. I don't suppose it is much use my speaking, but—but try to listen while I explain. Did I foresee or want this thing which has been thrust into my life in such a strange, amazing manner? I would have been better without it. I am poor. My hands are tied. We can't marry. I have nothing to offer any woman. Even if she does not marry you, how is it possible that she can marry me? And I would point out to you that you have escaped untold misery by what has happened, for apparently Miss Carylon accepted your offer of marriage either under some compulsion or out of pique. There could never have been any happiness at The Lees under such conditions."

"I'll take care there is none at Stair!" was the retort which leaped, like a snarl, from Garvock's lips. "You had better get out of my sight, Stair, or there may be murder done. I've always hated you—with your smooth face and your sickening ways! You've never done a day's honest work in your life, or justified your existence! Look at me. We had equal chances, and see what I have been able to do! Anyhow, I hold you in the hollow of my hand, and I mean to crush you. There won't be any billing and cooing at Stair for a good many years to come! I told you yesterday, pretty straightly, how mat-

ters stand, but I kept the last card up my sleeve—Stair is mine, to all intents and purposes, mine! Do you hear? And I'll keep it hard and fast! You can go and earn your bread where you like—you and Judy and Claud! And when you are finding it a tough job to get food and shelter out there, in the world that you have supposed to exist for you, perhaps you'll find that it hardly paid you to make an enemy of Peter Garvock!"

Alan Rankine's temper was not fiery, and he had tried to make allowances for the frightful provocation his cousin had received; but at these scathing, humiliating words he bit his lip, and the veins began to stand out ominously on his temples.

Seeing this, Peter Garvock's lust for vengeance seemed to grow in intensity and power, and he went on in the slow, deliberate manner of the man who sets out to wound and to destroy.

"We'll see what she has to say to it when she finds her bonnie bridegroom shorn of all his glory and estate, seeking and finding his level in the marketplace! It'll be a fairly low level, I'm thinking, and that kind of woman only values a man for what he can give her!"

It was the one word needed to fan Alan Rankine's anger into the flame which equalled that burning in Garvock's heart!

He, too, saw red, and next moment they were in grips.

CHAPTER V.

WHAT DID IT?

Judy was waiting for her tea. For the first time in many years she had both her brothers with her, Claud having come from Cambridge to attend his father's funeral. He was packing up for his return on the morrow when the tea-bell rang.

Claud was a short, squat young man, not unlike Judy in some respects, and there was little of the student about his appearance. A good deal of determination, however, was to be found in the square set of his jaw, and now that his chance had come, he intended to make the best of it.

It had come rather late, a mistake having been made with Claud Rankine's career. In many families everything is sacrificed for the eldest son, and when funds had been low at Stair Claud had been brought home from school, his father having hastily decided that, while his brother was absent in India trying to retrieve the family fortunes at the rich Garvock springs, Claud should learn estate management.

The lad was willing enough, though not eager. But there was nobody to teach him his business except his father, whose ideas were a curious medley, more often than not without form and void. So the lad had drifted for a time, without, however, abandoning his ambition to go to College.

At length he got his way, and it was Judy who arranged matters and decided where the meagre hundred and fifty pounds a year was to come from for Claud's keep at Cambridge.

Claud had now been a year there, and was likely to carry everything before him. What his ultimate career would be they had not decided. Judy inclined to diplomacy, and had visions of applying to high places when the time should be ripe.

But young men of Claud Rankine's type do not need much bolstering after the initial stage. Give them their chance, and they make good in every walk of life. Claud had already made his mark at Cambridge, though he was far too modest to talk about it, and he had no anxiety about his future.

The fulfilling of a long-cherished desire had wrought a wonderful change in the lad, developing in him a sunny temperament which was a constant joy to Judy. Womanlike, she had poured her chiefest devotion on Alan, who won love as easily as he breathed. Just he had been and truly kind to both brothers, because it was not her nature to be otherwise, but now she was slowly learning that her younger brother had qualities lacking in the elder.

(To be continued.)



He—"We ought to be very happy—we have so many things in common."

She—"And after marriage we'll have our bank account that way too, eh?"

Stored silver will not tarnish if a piece of camphor is put away with it. Minard's Liniment for the Grippe.

Canada from Coast to Coast

Charlottetown, P.E.I.—A considerable export trade in live silver foxes is being conducted by island fox breeders at the present time. The most recent consignment was one of ten pairs of black and silver foxes from Bear River to San Bernardino, Cal., where a fox ranch will be established by a former Prince Edward Island man.

Halifax, N.S.—The National Fish Co., of Halifax, are adding a new industry to their plant here in the shape of a fish meal mill in which they will utilize the waste from their products, such as fish skins, etc., in the manufacture of a meal to be used as a feed for horses, cattle, etc. Heretofore this waste has been taken out to sea and dumped, but with the addition of new machinery to their present plant they will now be able to take care of this waste as well as giving employment to several men.

St. John, N.B.—Improvement is noted in the fishing industry of the Maritime Provinces. The maritime merchant reports various happenings indicating that the industry is coming back. The outlook for canned lobsters, owing to market conditions in France and Germany, is improving. The activities of the Lunenburg fleet are being increased and the fresh fish trade is being developed by the use of steam trawlers.

Montreal, Que.—The Canadian Frost-Air, Ltd., a company recently incorporated to manufacture a new refrigerant "Frost Air Ice," is establishing a plant here, which will have a daily capacity of 50,000 lbs.

Timmins, Ont.—The output of gold reached a new high mark for Northern Ontario during November. Combined production from Porcupine and Kirkland Lake during the month was around \$2,300,000, or at the rate of be-

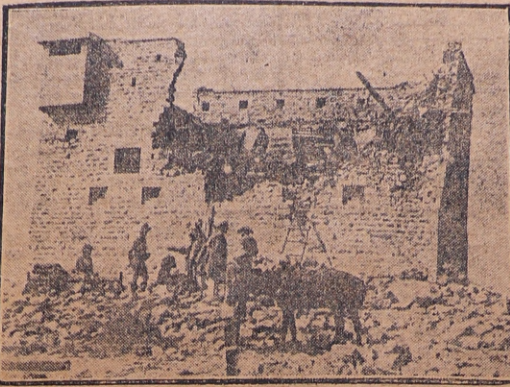
tween \$27,000,000 and \$28,000,000 a year.

Winnipeg, Man.—Graveling of the Lord Selkirk Highway, the principal artery of communication between Manitoba and the United States, will be proceeded with immediately, according to an announcement made by the Provincial Deputy Minister of Highways. The total estimated cost for the completion of the highway from St. Norbert, Man., to the international boundary is \$320,000. It will form a link with four chief highways south of the border.

Regina, Sask.—The estimated value of the total wool clip of the three prairie provinces for the past year is \$631,700, obtained for 2,690,000 pounds of wool. Alberta leads with 1,250,000 and received the best price, which would average around 25 cents a pound. Saskatchewan had 840,000 pounds for which an average price of 23 cents was obtained. Manitoba's yield was 600,000, with an average price of 21 cents a pound.

Edmonton, Alta.—Preparations are made for the winter fishing operations on the big lakes of Northern Alberta. A total of 550 commercial fishing permits have been issued by the Dominion Fisheries office in Edmonton, compared with 460 last year. It is expected that 70 more will be issued. Last year the catch of the Northern Lakes amounted to some 1,500,000 lbs. of dressed white fish, and it is expected that the catch this year will equal if not exceed that figure.

Victoria, B. C.—Whaling stations along the British Columbia Coast are finding business much better this year than last. Up to the present month more than 200 tons of whale oil from the stations on the Queen Charlotte Islands, have been shipped to England.



When some irregular local police mutilated at Gardal, India, they took possession of a block house and defied the world. A small British gun, however, upset their calculations and they were captured.

Encouragement.

Blessed are they who, without a mere rush of optimism to the head or persistence in a fool's paradise, habitually take a cheerful view of our little planet and its citizens and are forever lending a hand to help a good world forward.

The world market is oversupplied with mere fault-finders, who do nothing but knock. Those who know so much and are content to know it usually do nothing, instead of doing more than the rest. In all directions help is needed. That help does not come from those whose cynicism withers, whose irony sears and chills, whose tongues are cutting implements.

Indeed, the most self-sufficient—as they seem to us—are often longing for the morsel of encouragement in our power to bestow. There still lives in each of us the child who runs to his mother to be petted and encouraged and told he has done well.

To one whose hand is set to the world's strenuous daily enterprise, soft blandishments and honey-tongued flattery are enervating. His first and best encouragement is to see the work go forward, as he and his mates toil loyally together. They face all weathers, surmount all crises, endure all grief and hazard; and in the darkest hour, though they may say little, they will be found giving each other the steady hand, the heartening word that comes with the force of new regiments to soldiers hard beset.

\$250,000 Property Loss by Fire at Winnipeg

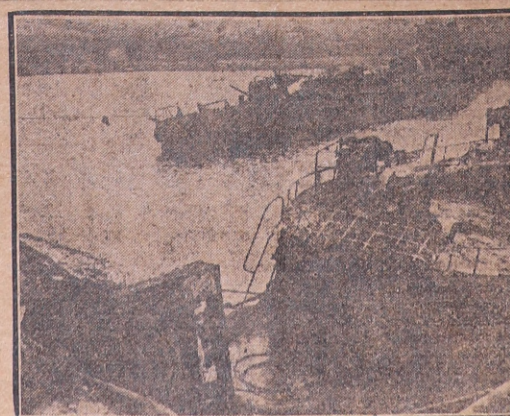
A despatch from Winnipeg says:—Fire, starting in the elevator shaft on the second floor, Christmas Eve, practically destroyed the Werner Block, in the wholesale district here. The damage was estimated at \$250,000. There was no one in the premises at the time.

Fought in bitterly cold weather, the fire was one of the most stubborn experienced by the city brigade in several years, and at one time threatened a café and adjoining hotel. The occupants were preparing to leave when the flames were brought under control shortly after midnight, an hour after the first alarm was sounded.

The block was occupied by several wholesale firms, the heaviest losers being the Werner Drug Co. and the Van Berkyl-Product Co.

Term "Fresh Egg" Explained by French Court

A despatch from Paris says:—After three days of ponderous deliberation, a French court has decided just what is a fresh egg. It is an egg not more than two weeks old in Summer or three weeks in Winter. Dealers who sold older eggs as fresh were given fifteen days in jail and fined 300 francs. The court also defined the three classes egg. First is the egg a la coque, that is, young enough to boil; second, the egg still fresh, though laid over a fortnight, but not artificially preserved; third, the preserved egg. Hereafter eggs must bear their proper label.



Salvaging operations being undertaken by Great Britain to raise the sunken German fleet at Sena Flow are shown in the above photograph. The value of the fleet lies chiefly in the enormous mass of machinery and brass and copper tubing it contains.

The Week's Markets

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.96 1/4; No. 2 North, \$1.91; No. 3 North, \$1.86; No. 4 wheat, \$1.76 1/4.
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 75c; No. 3 CW, 71c; extra No. 1 feed, 71 1/2c; No. 1 feed, 69 1/2c; No. 2 feed, 66 1/2c.
All the above c.i.f. bay ports.
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.42 1/2.
Milled—Dol. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$25.25; shorts, per ton, \$27.25; middlings, \$42.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.45.
Ont. oats—No. 3 white, 48 to 50c.
Ont. wheat—No. 2 winter, \$1.43 to \$1.45; No. 3 winter, \$1.41 to \$1.43; No. 1 commercial, \$1.40 to \$1.41, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.
Barley—Malting, 84 to 89c.
Buckwheat—No. 2, 80 to 85c.
Rye—No. 2, \$1.18 to \$1.21.
Man. flour—First patents, in jute sacks, \$9.80, Toronto; do, second patents, \$9.30, Toronto.
Ont. flour—90 per cent. pat., \$7, in bags, Montreal or Toronto; do, export, 45s, cotton bags, c.i.f.
Hay—No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14.50; No. 3, \$12.50.
Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9.
Screenings—Standard, recleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$27.
Cheese—New, large, 20c; twins, 20 1/2 to 21c; triplets, 22c. Stiltons, 22c. Old, large, 23 to 24c; twins, 24 to 25c; triplets, 25 to 26c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 39 to 40c; No. 1 creamery, 37 to 38c; No. 2, 35 to 36c; dairy prints, 28 to 30c.
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 68 to 70c; loose, 65 to 66c; storage extras, in cartons, 48 to 49c; loose, 47 to 48c; storage firsts, 44 to 45c; storage seconds, 38 to 39c.
Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 20c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 13c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 23c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 18c; geese, 20c; turkeys, 35c.
Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 16c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 28c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 25c; geese, 21c; turkeys, 38c.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, lb., 6 1/2c; primes, 6c.
Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.
Honey—60-lb. tins, 13 1/2c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13 1/2c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 15 1/2 to 16c.
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 25 to 26c; cooked hams, 37 to 38c; smoked rolls, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 21 to 22c.

22c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c; backs, boneless, 29 to 30c.
Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$18.80; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$33; heavyweight rolls, \$27.
Lard—Pure, tierces, 18 to 18 1/2c; tubs, 18 1/2 to 19c; pails, 18 1/2 to 19 1/2c; prints, 21 to 22c; shortening, tierces, 14 1/2 to 15c; tubs, 15 to 15 1/2c; pails, 15 1/2 to 16 1/2c; prints, 17 1/2 to 17 3/4c.

MONTREAL.

Oats—No. 2 CW, 75c; No. 3 CW, 73c; extra No. 1 feed, 70c. Flour—Man. spring wheat patents, firsts, \$9.90; seconds, \$9.40; strong bakers', \$9.20; winter patents, choice, \$7.15 to \$7.25. Rolled oats, bag 30 lbs., \$5.95 to \$4.05. Bran, \$35.25. Shorts, \$37.25. Middlings, \$43.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14 to \$14.50.
Cheese, finest weests, 18 to 18 1/2c. Butter, No. 1, pasteurized, 35 1/2 to 36c. No. 1 creamery, 34 1/2 to 35c; seconds, 33 1/2 to 33 3/4c. Eggs, storage extras, 48c; storage firsts, 43c; storage seconds, 40c; fresh extras, 70c; fresh firsts, 55c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 60 to 65c.

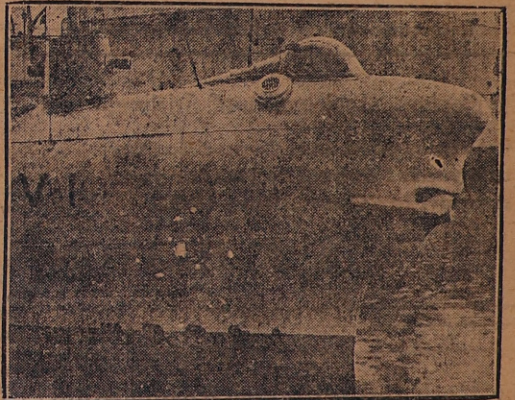
Christiania is Now "Oslo," Ancient Name of Capital

On New Year's Day the capital of Norway changed its name from Christiania to Oslo and all the geography books in all the schools of the world were made wrong.

The city has been called Christiania for the past three centuries, but it was called Oslo for the six centuries before that; so it is now going back to the name of Oslo.

Oslo became Christiania three centuries ago after a conflagration which wiped out the city and compelled King Christian IV to build a new capital of Norway across the bay from Oslo. In his honor it was called Christiania.

During the past three centuries, however, the suburbs have recrossed the bay and included the site of Oslo, and the nationalistic spirit of Norway has emphasized its old traditions. The Christiania Chamber of Commerce, in halting the name of Oslo, announces that "The Norway of to-day feels more than ever its unbroken continuity with the Norway of Harold the fair-haired who founded Oslo as his capital in 1047."



The bow of the newest of American submarines, the V-1, has the appearance of the head of a giant whale. The undersea dreadnaught is now in New York, being made ready for its trial trip to Portsmouth.

British Leaders Protected from Stage Jokes

Prominent British politicians have been protected from the irreverent chaffings of theatre comedians by recent rulings of the Lord Chamberlain, the official responsible for censoring plays and songs, says a London despatch.

His most recent ruling was against a West End company which was about to produce a new edition of its frothy musical revue. One of the songs in the piece was not allowed to be sung because in it four eminent politicians—Austen Chamberlain, Winston Churchill, Ramsay MacDonald and David Lloyd George—were portrayed in a lightsome vein.

From Nova Scotia to Rome in Canoe and Steamship

The night watchman on the houseboat of Marshal Joffre, a popular restaurant in Paris well known to tourists, was startled the other night when a canoe drew up out of the darkness on the Seine and its occupant jumped on the deck. The visitor asked if he could leave his canoe on the deck of the houseboat. Permission was granted.

The watchman politely asked where the visitor had come from. The latter answered, "Nova Scotia." The paddler was making his way by canoe from Nova Scotia to Rome. His trip so far has been successful, and with the exception of the Atlantic crossing, which necessitated passage on a steamship, he has made his way alone with the help of a stalwart paddle.

The English Channel represented the most difficult leg of his European travels and it took two attempts for him to make the French coast. On his first trip from Dover to Calais a wave washed his compass overboard. He was forced to put back toward the English coast and was picked up at the South Goodwin Lightship after fourteen hours at sea. Most of the time he was forced to keep bailing out his canoe and barely escaped being swamped.

Smyth immediately paddled back to Dover after this unsuccessful attempt and the next day started out again. This time he was able to proceed on a straight course for France. From Calais he came to Paris by river and canal, the most pleasant part of his trip, according to his reports. His route from Paris lies up the Seine into the old Burgundy Canal, down the Saone and then the Rhone, coming into the Mediterranean at Marseilles. He will skirt the shores of the Mediterranean until he reaches the mouth of the Arno, and then paddles up this stream into the Tiber and thence to Rome. The trip from Paris to Rome will take about ten weeks.



The Richard family of Noyent-sur-Marne, France, were awarded the 10,000 franc prize for a "large family." The parents are twenty-four years old and have six children, the youngest being 18-months-old-twins.

LARGE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS IN STATES

More Than Sixty Persons Killed and Half a Hundred Injured in Various Centres.

A despatch from Chicago says:—More than sixty persons were killed, upwards of half a hundred were injured and a number of others are missing as the result of an unusual number of accidents Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

In addition to the loss of life, fires, many of them resulting from overheating due to the zero Christmas weather in some parts of the country, caused a heavy property loss.

At Stamford, Texas, four were killed and six injured, one seriously, in a fire in the Stamford Inn.

Two men were frozen to death in Chicago's five below zero Christmas weather; a policeman was killed as the result of a fall, and a Chinese laundry man was shot and probably fatally wounded in a renewal of tong warfare.

Four were killed and one probably fatally hurt and another less seriously in an automobile accident at Richmond, Va., and at Dixon, Ill., a three-year-old child died and killed his ten-year-old brother with their father's shot gun, and one person was killed as the result of picking oil in a cook stove.

Two were killed in a Christmas Eve shooting scrape near Richmond, Ky.; two were killed in an automobile accident at Birmingham, Ala.; a three-year-old girl died of burns at Worcester, Mass.; one was killed in an automobile accident at Lexington, N. C.; a policeman was killed at New Orleans by a bank robber; a mother died of burns at Lincoln, Neb., after pouring kerosene on a kitchen fire, two

were injured at Glendale, Cal.; when a bomb in the form of a Christmas package exploded, two were killed and two injured in an automobile accident at Centralia, Ill., and at Michigan City, Ind., two were killed and two were injured when a train struck an automobile, while in New York five men were seriously wounded by two gunmen.

The temperature registered 48 degrees below zero at Elko, Nevada, and put the air mail radio station out of commission. The pump and radio are were frozen, air mail officials said.

A despatch from Hobart, Okla., says:—With 33 bodies, most of them burned beyond recognition, lying in a temporary morgue in two store buildings, and 20 others injured as a result of a Christmas Eve fire at the district school house at Babb's Switch, seven miles from here, work of recovering the dead was retarded by lack of water on the school grounds with which to cool the embers.

Calgary's Natural Gas Supply.

They do things in a large way on the Prairies. Calgary has just completed an addition to its natural gas supply from the Foremost gas field. To make this gas available required a trench 32 miles in length. Into this trench a ten-inch pipe was laid. There are 8,500 lengths of the pipe, each 20 feet long. The pipe was made at Welland, Ont., and weighed 2,500 tons. Calgary is now receiving its natural gas supply through 221 miles of pipe line. The four gas wells at Foremost can supply 49 million cubic feet per day, more than double Calgary's present consumption. Canadians not so fortunately situated with regard to a fuel supply can hardly appreciate the advantages of having a gas supply for both cooking and heating purposes.

VOTE C. B. McGUIRE for Reeve The Man Who Does Things

Stirling's government under Reeve McGuire has been marked by unusual progress.
The streets paved and oiled.
The new bridge on Front St.
The retaining wall on east side of new bridge
The retaining wall leading to Anglican Church, all of which has not cost the village a dollar.
Also the purchase of the old mill pond and building the dam and many other improvements.
The tax rate is two mills lower this year.

Let the leadership that resulted in definite progress during the last four years continue in 1924.

One Good Turn Deserves Another RE-ELECT McGUIRE for REEVE

Electors of Stirling--

I am again in the field for the Council--Your vote and influence will be appreciated.

VOTE BAILEY

for
EXPERIENCE - PROGRESS - ECONOMY
E. G. BAILEY.

To the Electors, Municipality of Stirling--

On my record as a Councillor for two years I appeal to you for your support for Councillor, 1925.

S. A. HATTON

Your Vote and Influence Respectfully Solicited for--

D. A. BURKITT

For Councillor 1925

WANTED Logs and Bolts

ced, clean, soft Elm, Birch, Soft and Hard Maple Logs, 14 inches and over in diameter, cut 5, 10 and 15ft. long (cut off all shaky butts) for which we will pay \$30.00 per 1,000 ft. delivered in our yard; also Basswood logs cut 10 and 12 ft. at \$25.00 per thousand feet delivered at our yard.

Pine, Balsam and Basswood Bolts, 54 in. long, 6 in. and over in diameter for which we will pay \$8.00 per cord delivered in our yard. Poplar and Spruce bolts at \$6.00 per cord.

TIES

A limited number of ties cut 8ft. long, 9 1/2 in. and over in diameter for a No. 1 tie, from 8 in. to 9 1/2 in. in diameter is 2nd class. Ties to go in first class must be straight. We will pay the following prices:—White Oak No. 1, 95c, No. 2, 70c. Red Oak No. 1, 70c, No. 2, 45c. Hardwood No. 1, 45c, No. 2, 35c. These prices are delivered at our yard. Cut all ties as nearly right length as possible and to be cut square at both ends.

Stirling Cheese Box & Basket Co.
STIRLING ONTARIO.

Minutes of Rawdon Township Council

Council met pursuant to adjournment, in Rawdon Town Hall Dec. 15, 1924.

Members all present.
Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

Johnson and Bailey—that the usual grant to the School Fair be paid.—Carried.

Bailey and Brown—that Geo. Webb be paid \$8.00 Com. Statute Labor.—Carried.

An account was presented from Seymour Council. Moved by Mr. Bailey, Seconded by Mr. Johnson that the Clerk be instructed to write them Re Division of Boundary, and that the Council would meet with them to have any difference adjusted.—Carried.

Brown and Bailey—that Robert Lake be paid \$2.00 for drawing steel.—Carried.

Brown and Bailey—that the News-Argus be paid \$175.00 for Printing.—Carried.

Bailey and Johnson—that Mr. Murray Melkjohn be paid \$30.00 Com. Statute Labor.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson—that Mr. Jas. Booth's Road Work be written off Tax Bill.—Carried.

Bailey and Brown—that Mr. Albert Tompkins be paid \$8.00 Com. Statute Labor.—Carried.

Johnson and Stiles—that the Medical Health Officer's account be paid.—Carried.

Johnson and Bailey—that Mr. Daniel Brown's Pay Sheet be paid for work on Marmora, and Seymour Boundaries.—Carried.

Stiles and Brown—that the Pay Sheet covering School Monies, Debentures and County Call be passed and ordered to be paid.—Carried.

Mr. H. Dafoe presented an account of \$28 for repairing Crusher. Brown and Johnson—that the account be paid.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson—that Mr. Geo. Bennett be paid for 40 rods of wire fence.—Carried.

Johnson and Stiles—that Mr. Geo. Mumby be paid for sheep killed by dogs as per Valuation Report, and that the Valuator be paid \$2.00.—Carried.

Bailey and Stiles—that Mr. Chas. Mumby be paid \$4.00 for culvert on Side Road.—Carried.

Bailey and Stiles—that Wm. McMullen be paid \$2.00 Rebate of Error on Dog Tax.—Carried.

Johnson and Stiles—that Statute Labor be written off Tax Bill for Rectory.—Carried.

Bailey and Brown—that Mr. J. E. McGee be paid \$38 Com. Statute Labor.—Carried.

Dr. Halliwell made application to be appointed Medical Health Officer. No action taken for the present.

Bailey and Brown—that Mr. R. Vance be paid \$2.00 for inspecting sheep, and that Geo. Bennett be paid \$10 for sheep killed by dogs.—Carried.

Bailey and Stiles—that Council adjourn for Board of Health Meeting.—Carried.

Council resumed.

Bailey and Stiles—that Mr. Jno. Bateman be paid \$5.00 for repairing culvert in 11th con.—Carried.

Bailey and Johnson—that Wm. McKeown be paid \$50 for job Lot 23 Con. 10.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson—that Leo. Farrell be paid \$12.50 for balance of Job including Gravel.—Carried.

Brown and Stiles—that Mr. Ernest Spencer's account be paid of \$26.65 for Job Con. 2 and that H. Dafoe be paid \$10.00 for Labor and Plow.—Carried.

Stiles and Johnson—that Mr. Chas. Morgan be paid \$12.00 for Wood.—Carried.

Brown and Bailey—that Mr. John Cassidy be paid \$2 Com. Statute Labor.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson—that Mr. S. Mason be refunded \$2 Error of Dog Tax 1923 and that \$4 be written off Mrs. J. McInroy's Tax Bill.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson—that the Road Surveyors be authorized to repair Bridge on Side Road Lot 6 Con. 8.—Carried.

Brown and Bailey—that Mr. A. B. Fargy be paid \$21 for Labor and sheep killed by dogs.—Carried.

Stiles and Brown—that Mr. T. J. Thompson be paid \$14 for two inspections and sheep killed by dogs.—Carried.

Johnson and Bailey—that the Municipal World be paid \$22.33 for supplies.—Carried.

Brown and Stiles—that Mr. J. A. Potts be paid \$5 for attending Judges Court 1923-24.—Carried.

Brown and Stiles—that Mr. W. Whitton be paid \$7.50 for 6 Tile.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson—that Mr. A. A. Reid's Tile account be paid.—Carried.

Correspondence was read from

Mr. W. H. Nugent (County Clerk) Brown and Stiles—that the Clerk be instructed to write stating that the movement met with the approval of Council.—Carried.

Bailey and Stiles—that the account of \$21 for Stationery, Post Cards and Mailing Lists be paid.—Carried.

A By-Law was passed in regular order appointing Deputy Returning Officers, Poll Clerks, a place for holding Nomination etc.

The following accounts were duly passed and ordered to be paid.

Ray Atkin, Grant... \$15 00
G. Webb Com. Statute Labor 8 00

M. Melkjohn Com. Statute Labor... 30 00
R. Lake Drawing Steel... 2 00

M. Melkjohn 56 yds. Gravel 5 60
A. Tompkins Com. Statute Labor... 6 00

Dr. Thomson M. H. O... 118 00
Jas. Booth 17 yds. Gravel... 1 70

D. Brown Pay Sheet on... Marmora and Seymour... 243 75
Boundaries... 175 00

Allen Doherty, Printing... 2 20
Fred Jeffs 22 yds. Gravel... 2 20

G. Mumby, Sheep killed by Dogs... 11 00
W. Tanner Inspecting Sheep 2 00

C. Mumby Culvert on side... road... 4 00
W. McMullen Remission of Dog Tax... 2 00

H. Dafoe repairing Grader 28 00
J. McGee Com. Statute Labor 38 00

R. Vance Valuating Sheep 2 00
G. Bennett Sheep Killed... and 40rd Wire Fence... 16 00

Board of Health Meetings 24 00
J. Bateman Culvert Con. 11 50 00

W. McKeown Job Lot 23... Con. 10... 50 00
L. Farrell Balance on Job and 380 yds. Gravel... 50 50

J. B. Hagerman 155 yds. Gravel... 15 50
Ernest Spencer Job Con. 2 36 65

Chas. Morgan Wood... 12 00
J. Cassidy Com. Statute Labor... 2 00

H. Dafoe Bal. Job Con. 2 and plow... 10 00
C. Jeffrey 114 yds. Gravel 11 40

C. W. Heath 20 yds. Gravel 2 00
Ida Ovene 123 yds. Gravel 12 30

Mrs. F. Bateman 71 yds. Gravel... 7 10
B. Eastwood 178 yds. Gravel 17 80

F. Haight 50 yds. Gravel 5 00
W. Francis 114 yds. Gravel 11 40

S. Mason Error 1923... 2 00
W. A. Stewart 32 yds. Gravel 3 20

J. Morrison 140 yds. Gravel 14 00
A. R. Fargy Labor and... Sheep killed by dogs... 21 00

T. J. Thompson Inspection and sheep killed by dogs... 14 00
Municipal World Supplies 82 33

J. A. Potts attending... Judges Court 1923-24... 5 00

T. Mathews 7 yds. Gravel 7 00
A. A. Reid Tile account... 24 00

W. Whitton Tile account 7 50
W. W. Dracup Searching Registrar & Telephoning... 3 00

Mrs. Armstrong Bal. Salary and account... 20 44
W. W. Dracup Salary... 60 00

G. A. Bailey Salary... 60 00
Ernest Brown Salary... 60 00

W. S. Stiles Salary... 60 00
J. W. Johnson Salary... 60 00

E. Jackman salary & stamps 160 00

To the Electors of Stirling Village--

Mr. Chas. Vanallen wishes to announce to the ratepayers of Stirling that in the present Election for Reeveship his intention is to run a strictly Municipal Election instead of a Political fight as has been reported.

Mr. Vanallen is prepared to prove the report absolutely untrue.

VOTE VANALLEN FOR REEVE

FELLOW ELECTORS--

As an interested ratepayer I am offering myself as a Candidate for Council for 1925. We need progress with Economy. Our problems cannot be solved by sitting back and waiting for something to happen

VOTE THOMPSON and GET ACTION

A Happy New Year to all.

JETTY THOMPSON.

W. F. Bateman Salary... 350 00
G. E. Thompson work on road 8 00
Council adjourned sine die
W. F. Bateman Clerk.

Burnbrae News

Last Week's News

Wishing the News Argus Staff a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

There were a large number at the Sunday School entertainment last Friday night. A good program of recitations, songs, Indian and Britannia drills, and dialogues. Proceeds amounting to about \$30. The annual meeting of the Menle Cheese Factory was held last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Frank Little is Cheesemaker for the coming season, and Mr. W. S. Milne is secretary in Mr. Andrew Milne's place.

Mr. Ernest Eagleson has been baling hay during the past week.

A number of the young people have been skating in town as the rink opened over a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tufford and son Jack, of Beamsville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Oddie.

Miss Lizzie Hart, of Peterboro,

is visiting Mrs. Jas. Nelson.

Miss Luella Grills was visiting Miss Freda Hay over the week-end.

Miss Marjorie Rennie was visiting her sister Mrs. Roy Walker last Sunday.

River Valley W. I.

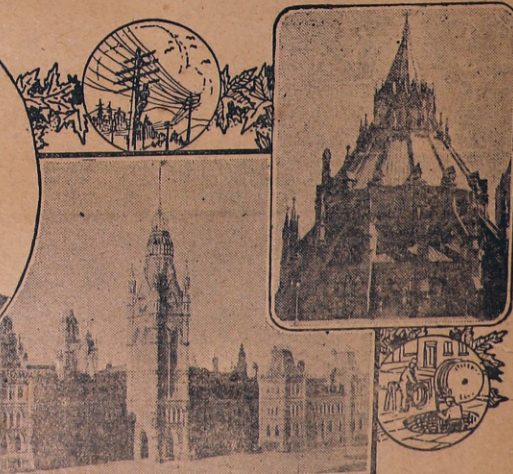
River Valley Women's Institute held their December meeting at the home of Miss Nellie Seales with an attendance of 19.

Letter was read from Mr. Atkin in connection with the Rally of Institutes at Wallbridge. Sandwich and music were to be given by this Institute. Mrs. Clifford Barragar gave a grand report of the convention held in Toronto in November. Miss Nellie Seales furnished some nice instrumental music, reading by Mrs. Stanley Irvin and community singing led by Mrs. Barragar. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Irvin, Wednesday, Jan. 7th.

Lunch committee, Mrs. Alex Park, Mrs. M. Donohue, Mrs. Gladstone Park and Mrs. Robt. Bush. Visitors always welcome.

WE SPECIALIZE IN JOB PRINTING—GIVE US A TRIAL.

The Passing of Felix Arbour



Things were different forty years ago. When Felix Arbour, a stalwart young French Canadian of five and twenty, began work as a telephone lineman at Ottawa in 1885, John A. was the triumphant leader of the Government, Edward Blake marshalled the forces of the Liberals, and young Wilfrid Laurier, was already manifesting that ability as a parliamentarian that was to make him inevitable as Blake's Successor. As Felix Arbour went about his work in the vicinity of the old buildings on Parliament Hill, he often got a friendly nod and a cheery "Good morning" from the great men of that day. They envied his sturdy young frame and his smiling, kindly face.

But now it is all different. Ottawa has grown to be a big City, young men are in the seats of the mighty and Felix Arbour feels that his day is done.

His comrades of the Bell Telephone construction forces met the other day to bid him farewell ere he retired to enjoy a well earned rest. Following the presentation of an address accompanied by an arm chair and a smoking set, Felix made a parting speech that promises to become a classic among telephone plant men. He said: "I am in good health and I thank God Almighty for that. I always received just treatment from my bosses. If I did wrong, they told me, and if I did well, they did it for me. I gave me in my work. We did not always agree, and we had arguments; but we tried to help one another, and it was all for the Company. Work in the Company's interest and you will be working in your own interest. Every time I went up a pole, I said to myself, 'Felix, be careful; if you fall off you may break an arm or a leg or maybe your neck.' Although I am not now working for the Company, I want you all to know me on the street, and as I go along I will tell you my eyes on the wires and cables and if I see anything that may cause trouble or make an accident I will report it."